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"MEN MAKE CHANCES,"

"Not Chances Make Men."—Race Lines Must be Lost

Sight of—Education and Refinement, Potent Passports to Recognition—Place the Blame Where it Belongs.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

A FRIEND of mine, upon being asked why he had linked his destiny with the Democratic party in the late campaign, replied that the doctrine and principles of government as set forth in the platform of that party, together with the undisputed wise policy of Grover Cleveland, were about the safest measures in which to resolve the United States for the ensuing four years. He was asked how that would affect the improvement of the condition of the colored man of America? I will undertake to answer that question. Too much valuable time is devoted to enlarging upon the color question. Because the white man is willing to relegate us into a distinctive class is no reason why we should seek to keep ourselves there, and the more we notice that distinction and seek to complain of social and industrial ostracism, the more will we be reviled and trampled upon. There is one noticeable fact, to the initiated in human nature, the less cognizance taken of an insult or offense, the speedier will the offending party relinquish his persecution and in the future the more will he admire his victim. This idea fits us as a race of people to the letter. With the same fortitude that was characteristic of our forefathers in bondage, let us still keep up courage in the face of all jibes and sneers. We are still a young people and have done well When we look at our history for the past twenty-five years and commence to hunt for comparisons we find the search comparatively "odious;" for no other race of people, all things considered, ever achieved as much in its march toward the pinnacle of civilization I am compelled to admit race, to a degree, at this juncture, in speaking of my pride of the colored people just the same as the German reminds you of the Vaterland; the Frenchman of sunny France; the Irishman of the green fields and fertile soil of Ireland; but one thing I don't forget, America is ours by birth, theirs only by adoption. We were placed here two and one-half centuries ago, and while as a sapling we were started and dwarfed by labor, extorted with the sting of the lash, still our strength increased, notwithstanding our life of darkness and desolation, until the ravages of a Civil war waged destruction all around and over us; lopped off some of our branches, but the body of the tree was left unscathed. The fungus growth of oppression was withered away and the bright sunshine of liberty was permitted to illumine the dense forest of slavery. It makes me feel sad to recall these times and I would like to "let the dead past bury its dead," but it is such a recent epoch in our history that I find it hard to forget.

The foreigner, while he always loves his mother country, when he swears allegiance to the United States enters heart and soul into the laws and manners prescribed in the constitution. He tries to become American in every particular, and, unless he is found existing in colonies, is never inclined to be clannish. Why, therefore, can we not do the same? We, who have a better and grander right to citizenship than they? Why should we seek to ever keep before the people as a race? Why pout and fret because the World's Fair commission refused to give you space for exhibits? Why continually write about industrial establishments closing their doors to you when you don't knock for admission thereto? Why condemn leading politicians, when you don't make demand for public office? If we want recognition as a people, we must demand it as Americans, the same as the other nations that help to make our national family. The World's Fair Commission treated us very well when it was willing to give space for exhibits of this country. It did not mention that a certain space would be devoted to colored artisans, nor did it mention German-Americans, French-Americans, Irish-Americans or any other children of adoption, but declared space open to American exhibitors, and some of our people instead of standing on their Americanism sought to insult the dignity of the Commission by finding fault in the very manner that is not allowing us to progress as we might; we want to be too colored and not enough American. Then again we are too willing to condemn industrial establishments for their refusal to employ us. This is also due to a lack of Americanism on our part. We waste time in reviling proprietors of shops which should be employed in making ourselves nobler as a race. The good have to suffer for the low dispositioned. As a rule, the white man does not come in contact with the well bred of our race, but that class who in their benighted ignorance afford amusement for a class not any better off mentally than themselves. From experience and observation, I find that a colored man with intelligent appearance and moral courage enough to boldly assert his Americanism, will be respected most anywhere. The greatest trouble is we lose heart too early in the campaign or want to jump to the middle of the ladder without stepping on the lower rounds. Look at the Irish immigrant just escaped from a condition of white slavery! He will enter a family as scullion at most any price. By his wit he becomes porter in his master's store, and by dint of hard work and frugality, if he has ten or fifteen years to live, if he don't own one, he is liable to possess a row of houses. Down with the idea that the white man has every chance. Men make chances, not chances men. Take a reivew of the men of our race who are wealthy (and they are not few), they did not become so because of chance, but by uniting labor and alertness.

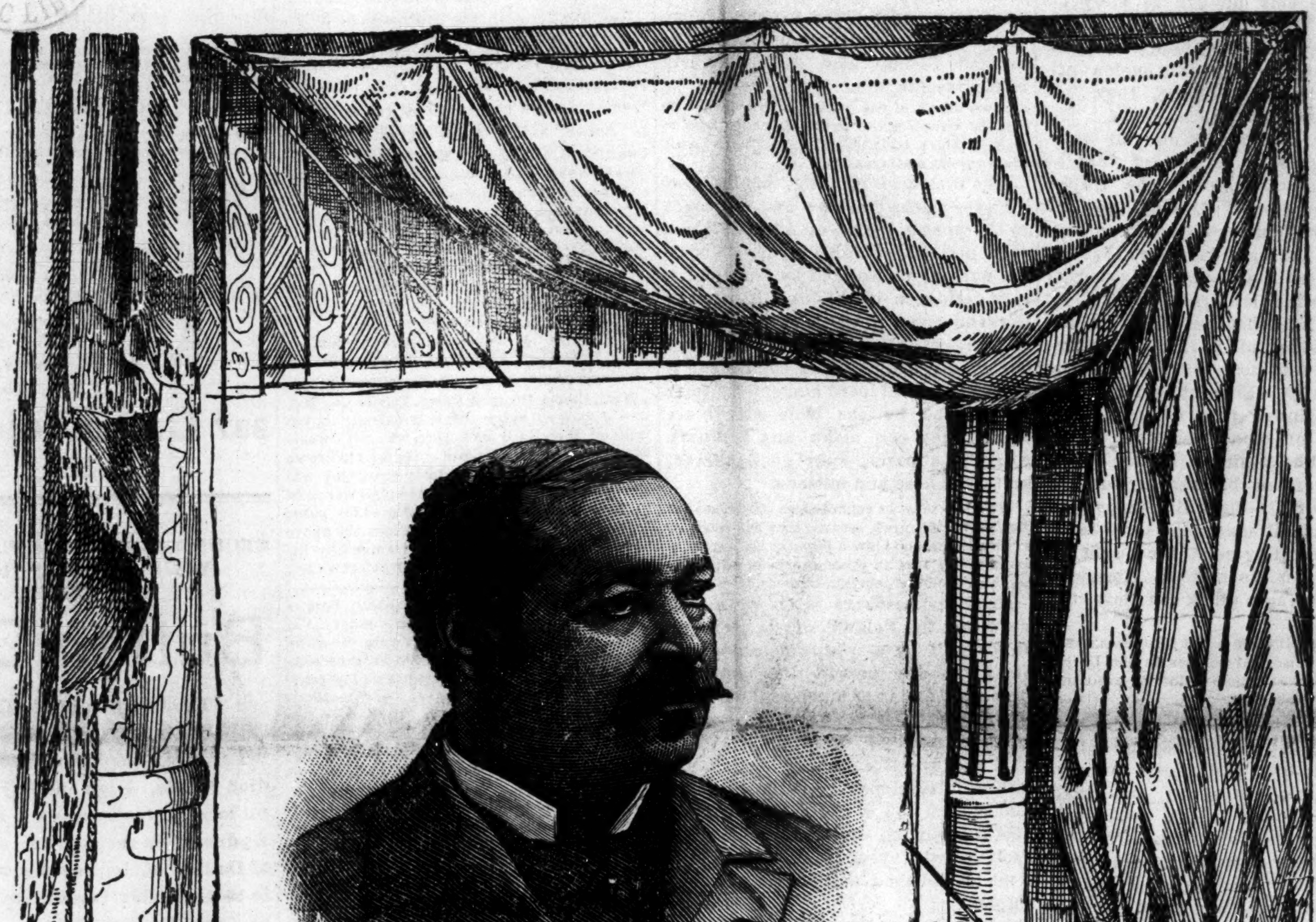
A great number of our writers condemnate our industrial magnates from the heresay standpoint, a worthless, idle fellow, whose very appearance betokens laziness, applys for a position, prays that he may be refused and then goes to some congenial spirits, pours out his woes, and some good, pushing editor or ordinary citizen takes it up and great is the indignation. All these matters tend to keep us in a state of backwardness. Sometime since, Editor Perry, of the Philadelphia Tribune related an incident to me, in which, whilst speaking to a prominent politician about not having made any colored appointments in the office to which he had been elected, staggered him with the reply that "No one had brought a petition for any." So thus we go on reviling, fuming and finding fault with the powers that be, without trying in the least to ask for what we desire. Position will not walk to one, nor will it meet them half way, but in order to get it we must walk boldly up to it and as American citizens demand our dues.

To-day there are two very important factors that must at once be discussed for the destruction of the prejudice against our race. If we find that as a race we are not wanted by the whites in our present condition let us commune with ourselves for a while as to the best methods to win honor and respect for our posterity. Ostracism, as we find it, is the direct offspring of ignorance. Not ignorance of any certain natural fact, but a blank, uneducated mind, devoid of all beauties of existence and charitable feeling. We have the patient and the disease, what shall we prescribe for the relief of the patient. Instead of employing time to grumble, let us write to every member of Congress, not one of us, but hundreds of us; not as colored men, but as American citizens, asking that they deeply consider the passage of a compulsory educational law. Then when that shall have been accomplished. flood the different state legislatures with the same kind of literature, so that every child in the country shall attend school as far as practicable until he or she shall attain to the age of 16 years. The benefit will be two fold. It will put both races on an equal footing intellectually, and the nation will have a larger stock of comprehensive citizens than she can boast of at present.

The other factor. and one of great importance, is not to be radical in governmental affairs. Be more conservative in your views. "The mills never grind with the water that has passed." Let us think more of the present and the bright future with ever open arms to receive grand deeds and noble ideas. Divide sentiment, adhere to those principles which you think best for the general good of all Americans and "not to us alone."

C. PARKER GORDON,

Atlantic City, N, J.



HON. B. K. BRUCE,
Recorder of Deeds, Washington, D. C. See Sketch, Page 5.

WILL COUNT HIM OUT.

Baltimore Republicans Brand the Negro an Unmanageable

Quantity—His Independence the Bugbear—Young White Republicans Refuse to Affiliate With Him.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

WE have just completed a two month's trip to the East and I have let nothing go unobserved pertaining to the race; I hardly know where to begin, as several letters will be required, each one, possibly, more interesting than this one. On Wednesday, February 8th, I boarded the Royal Blue Line for Chicago, via. Philadelphia Baltimore and Washington. On nearing Baltimore, seated in the smoking car with several passengers, (white), one, a Baltimorian, asked me if I lived in Baltimore. I replied that I had lived there some years ago, but was enroute to Chicago. He mentioned the name of several prominent colored men there, among whom was the name of Harry Cummings, Esq. I asked him how the contest was coming out in the city council. He replied that two white Republicans had been seated by small majorities, but that Cummings' case would never come up. I saw the fun ahead and that the two great parties and the Negro question was to be discussed, so we agreed that no delicate conscientious scruples should interfere. No reference to nationality or politics and that present company be excepted. I then asked why Mr. Cummings' case would not come up. Without interruption he said that he was a Republican and a Baltimorian; that Harry was a fine, shrewd, fellow, but wanted too much. He also referred to his race pride as shown in behalf of young Pratt. He also stated that on the 9th of March the Negro voters were going to be read out of the Republican party in Baltimore at a convention to be held on that date, on the grounds that he (the Negro) has become to independent, demoralizing and ungrateful, as shown by them not voting the Republican ticket. He emphasized that the Baltimore white Republicans had secured colored teachers in the colored schools, saw that they got a high school, etc.; that the Republicans had freed them, and now could not control them but that they voted the Democratic ticket at will, as the returns from the Southern states show; and that the young whites of Baltimore would not join the Republican party because it was called the nigger party. A Negro dummy would be hoist on a pole and be pointed to interrogatively by the orators as: "Do you want to see the niggers policemen? In public offices?" That was sufficient argument in Baltimore, and it will never be. As a Republican I assert it, yet I want to see the Negro educated. "Coming events cast their shadows before them." If a white man can teach me anything I am willing to learn. There are many who do not know (all of whom I am willing to teach) that there are different classes of Negroes as well as of whites, and one class they usually shun or don't come in contact with often enough to see their prejudice, and that is the intelligent, dignified and respectable Negro, who, to them, appears impolite. Baltimore will never have Negro police, and he will be read out of the Republican party? Well there will be another party to read him in, and he will come on principles of representation as per taxation. There are a few thousands of whites living in Baltimore to-day who saw her in all of her glory of Slavery, separate street cars, etc., and have lived through the dreadful and undreamed of spectacle of seeing a Baltimore Negro represent this nation abroad, Negro lawyers pleading at the bar for whites and blacks alike, Negroes in responsible places of trust for this great Government, and many other distinctions too numerous to mention. But if Baltimore stands long enough more horrors will come in the shape of mixed schools and more Negroes in elective offices, assisting in moulding laws to govern the people regardless of nationality. The greater the race prejudice the more ambitious is the Negro, The younger whites are inclined to hold him back. The large returns from the South are Democratic, through shot gun and intimidation policy and the so claimed States Rights, which the North and the Republicans by their silence leave uninterrupted.

TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.

A Prominent Real Estate Dealer Shoots Himself—Financial Trouble the Cause.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.

Colored society was thrown into great excitement on the report of the shooting of (himself) John H. Keeble, the most prosperous real estate agent among our people, on Thursday, February 9th About 9:30 a. m, so the story goes, Mr. Keeble sent for his brother-in law, Dick Harris, and recounted to him his business troubles and said he could not see his way out. Mr. Harris spoke words of encouragement to him and departed, leaving Keeble in bed Shortly after, news flashed over the city that Keeble had committed suicide. He shot himself in the left breast in the region of the heart, the ball passing through the body, piercing the left lung and lodging in the skin at the back. Drs. F. A. Stewart and R. F. Boyd were called in and did all in their power to save the unfortunate, but to no avail. In a few hours he rallied and said: "I don't desire to make any statement; I want the end to come quickly." He gave no reason for his action, and hence the cause is shrowded in mystery, although popular sentiment is that financial troubles were the cause J. H. Keeble was 39 years old and leaves a wife and son about grown. He was a grocer, newspaper man and a politician. During the last two years he has built up a splendid real estate business, having as his patrons both white and colored. He was the most artistic colored man in the state, always exhibiting a lordly air in dress, manners and in social affairs. As a grocer and editor he failed, but his last business was pronounced a success. His funeral occurred from the residence of his mother-in-law Sunday at 11 a. m. One of the most worthy young men, a teacher in the city school and a graduate of the high school in the class of '92, died February 5th, after a brief illness. It was William S. Page. He was a model young man as a student, christian and son. He was only 19 years old and began teaching last September. He was universally loved and respected. The medical department of Central Tennessee College had forty-four graduates on the night of the 7th. One of the number is a woman who goes in the Spring to Africa. She is Dr. Patton, the first female graduate of the department. Thirty-five hundred, white and black, witnessed the exercises in the spacious Sam Jones' Tabernacle. Dr. Curry, of Virginia, the co-laborer of Gen. R. B. Hayes, delivered the annual address to the class, The Napier's court is the name of the newly fitted up quarters for colored professionals. J. C. Napier is proprietor. The court is a daisy inside and the tenants are fitting their offices up correspondingly. Mrs. John M. Langston after spending the winter here with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Napier, has returned to Washington. Mrs. A. B. Bradford has been sick,

Presented With a Gold Medal.

Boston, Mass., Special.

Messrs. Whallen & Martell, proprietors of the South Before the War Company, presented Billy McLain, stage manager, with a handsome gold medal, as a reward for his managerial ability, as shown in the success of this company. Mr. McLain is a native of Indianpolis and is one of the few who has struck the road of success in this business. Mr. McLain is one of the greatest jubilee song writers of the day.

All The Policemen are Colored.

Georgetown, S. C., Special.

Rev. Sam'l Washington is at Charleston, S. C., where his wife is sick. Miss Nancy A. Butler and Miss Hattie Witherspoon, of Sumpter, S. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown. Mr. Ladson, A. Wineglass, is sick. All the policemen in this city are Afro-Americans. I. J. McCottrie has accepted a position in the post-office. Miss Magdalene M. Roberson, is at Sampit, teaching school. T. J. Ruthledge says he can't do without The Freeman. Rev. Bruce H. Williams, of Charleston, S. C., preached at the Bethel A. M. E. church, on Sunday last, to a large congregation. Miss Florence Chandler is home again. The Howard school is in a flourishing condition. Rev. C W. McQueene, is principal Miss S. R. Wallace, of Columbus, S. C., Mrs C. C. Moultrie, Mrs. H. A. Baxter. and Miss H R. Lessene, are teachers The Freeman can be had by applying to S. Augustus Walker, Agent. Mrs. Fannie Wineglass died recently,

A Storm Party.

Portsmouth, Va., Special.

Allow me space in your valuable paper to say something of the people in my city. Portsmouth is a city with 16,000 inhabitants, the majority being white. We have several colored men who are engaged in business and at their trades, while there are a host who go under the head of laborers. It has one of the finest public schools in the state, under the direction of Prof. I. C. Norcom, assisted by an able corps of teachers. Two Baptist churches and one Methodist, besides numerous benevolent organizations. A fine looking set of young ladies and industrious young men. Among its social gaities the Marechal Neil's have the premium. Among the many pleasures that will soon take place, I shall name a few. Alex. Gordan and Miss Annie Davis will be married soon. Storm party at Pemberton cottage, headed by Miss M. J. Keeling and others. Cantata Belshazzar's Feast, under the auspices of Rev. E. H. Bolden; the arrival of W. H. C. Brown and wife in the city recently, and an entertainment by the Marechal Neil's next month.

BISHOP TURNER SKINNED!

C. H. Shotwell, Esq., Chicago, Takes the Prelate to Task,

And Throws a Bombshell into the Bishop's Reasoning—A Scathing, Keen Rejoinder.

Editor The Freeman.

Looking over The Freeman of Dec. 24th, I find Bishop H. M. Turner quoted as follows:

Editor of The Freeman: You are already aware that I am what is generally known as a monomaniac upon Africa; that I have no faith in the future prospects of our race in this country, where white is dominant and black is imbecile and hated."

The Bishop admits that he is a "monomaniac upon Africa," which will partially account for his wild statements, that the black is "imbecile and hated." First, if he is really insane upon the subject of Africa, as he admits, I think the Negro shows good judgement in refusing to follow his advice of leaving the United States and going to Africa. Sensible people are not in the habit of following the advice of rain-bow-chasers. I do not think the learned Bishop can prove his assertion, morally, physically, politically, intellectually or financially. I understand the term imbecile to mean weak, feeble, destitute of strength either in body or mind. Morally, perhaps the Bishop measures the race by his own, or the standard of morality prevailing in Africa. First, he must not measure the corn of the entire race by his own bushel measure. Secondly, our advantages and the record of our people in this country places us so far above Africa that there is no comparison. Physically, the Negro is known to possess a vigorous body, good digestion, a robust constitution and he has demonstrated his capacity to undergo as much suffering and privation as that of any other nation. Politically the Bishop's attention is called to the result of the past Nov. election. The biblical luminary is too well informed not to know, that the white vote is nearly equally divided between the two great parties (Republican and Democrat) and that the Negro is the balance of power. Eight years ago the Negro vote massed upon Mr. Cleveland and defeated Mr. Blaine. It concentrated upon Mr. Harrison four years later and defeated Mr. Cleveland, and in the past Nov. election warred against Mr. Harrison and elected Mr. Cleveland. There is no denying the fact that just as the Negro vote goes, so goes the country. Intellectually, I scarcely believe this learned dignitary ascribes to the Negro imbecility of mind, if so, I meet the charge with a presentation of figures and facts. Twenty seven years ago we emerged from dense ingnorance; to day we have 1,250,000 pupils attending schools; during these 27 years 35 per cent of our 8,000,000 people have learned to read and write. We have outstripped our former masters for the best historians inform us that the people who first settled the South were all intelligent; the statistics now show 25 per cent. of them can not read and write. It appears then, while we have advanced 35 per cent. they have retrograded 25 per cent, showing conclusively we have outstripped them 60 per cent. from an intellectual standpoint. The Negroes are inspired by this wonderful advancement and see in it the signal for advance, encouraged with the hope of still greater achievements, believing they will be able to revolutionize their condition and become the peer of any nation on earth. If the learned Prelate really desires to write for the salvation of the race he should avoid prevarication. Perhaps he means financial imbecility caused by our indolence. Now as to indolence, the best argument is to give the facts and figures. Great as has been our intellectual achievements, we have been great er in our financial acquisitions.

The Atlanta Constitution, speaking of the colored people of Texas, said: "They own over a million acres of land and pay taxes on $25,000-000 worth of property, they have 2,000 churches, ,000 benevolent associations, 10 high schools, 3,000 teachers, 23 doctors, 15 lawyers, 100 merchants, 500 mechanics. 15 newspapers hundreds of farmers and stockmen and several inventors."

The statistics show the reputed wealth of the colored people in each of the Southern States to be as follows:

Georgia $14,000,000, Florida has $7,900,040, South Carolina, $12,500,000. North Carolina $11,010,652, Virginia $4 900,000, West Virginia, $5,006,721, Washington, D. C., $1,575,000, Maryland, $9,900,735, Kentucky $5,900 000, Alabama $9 200,125, Mississippi $13,400,213, Louisiana $35-000,000, Texas $25,000,000, Arkansas $8,010,315 Missouri $6,600,340. The total amount of property owned by the colored people in the United States is over $264,000,000.

According to a statement by Henry W. Grady, of Georgia, just before his death. the colored Americans of the Southern States alone contributed a billion dollars worth of products to the material prosperity of that section

This has been called a progressive age, and in accordance therewith the Southern Negro despite the numerous obstacles that are thrust in his pathway by those around him, is making progress that stands to-day unparalleled in the history of any other bondman.

The Atlanta times said: "To be thrust into direct communication, commercially, political ly, socially and religiously, with their former masters, and to stand as firm and undismayed as the dusky sons of Ham have, is something marvelous and that deserves commendation from all sides"

But let us make the financial comparison. Twenty-seven years ago the caucasian brother possessed all the property of the South, now only 90 per cent. Evidently they have lost 10 per cent. Twenty-seven years ago we did not own ourselves, today we own 10 per cent of all the taxable property of the South. If they have retrograded 10 per cent. and we have advanced 10 per cent, evidently we have outstripped them 20 per cent. in the financial race. So you see we knew nothing and possessed less at the start, but in the contest we have excelled them 20 per cent. in the acquisition of finance and 60 per cent. in the intellectual march In addition to contributing $27,000,000,000 during the past 27years to the material prosperity of the South, the Negro has piled up annually over $10,115,000 or $264,000,000 to his eternal credit. The Atlanta (Ga.) Times caps the climax upon this point in the following truthful and forcible language.

"Who can perceive this grand work and say the Negro is not progressing? The progress of the Southern Negro is every way so very perceptible that even those around him who are blinded by years of prejudice, are forced to admit the fact."

The charge of imbecility can not be sustained. It is as foundationless as the earth on which we stand and as false as the baseless fabric of a dream.

"Not only foreigners, but low, filthy, lousy, ignorant, and also foreigners to our national constitutions, customs, manners, and to our Sabbath day's observance, and who will, sooner or later, plunge this nation into a whirlpool of blood and slaughter."

The Bishop predicts dire results and draws a gloomy picture to alloy his fears. I assure him the American people have always been equal to every emergency. Should such a crisis as he intimates come, they will prove equal to the occasion The Negro is not a socialist nor an anarchist and there is no record that he has ever shown treason to the United States government. During the dark days of rebellion he was found marching under the right flag. In that respect he has the advantage of some of his Caucasian brethren. It can be truthfully said that the Negro is the only gilt-edge, full-fledged and unimpeached American citizen. If the filtny, lousy ignorant" foreigners should "plunge this nation into a whirlpool of blood slaughter," the Negro will be found by the side of his white American brother, under the stars and stripes defending American homes "institutions customs and manners." The Reverend Sir ought to know, a combination of American genius and Negro pluck can defy the world.

"To the exception of a few instances, compared to our numerical number in the United States, the colored people follow no avocation that calls for brain force."

Again the Bishop shows his "monomaniac" tendencies. He seems to forget that we own and control seventy-five colleges, academies and high schools, with eight college presidents, three of whom are ex-slaves; that we are publishing 165 newspapers; that we have 2,000 practicing physicians and surgeons; that we have 1,200 college bred ministers and 2,500 teachers; that there have been appointed under President Harrison 2895 federal office holders ranging from ministers to Hayti down to clerkships; that a regiment of federal office holders are in the different departments, appointed by Mr, Harrison's predecessor; that we have lawyers, philosophers, professors, authors, inventors, bankers, real estate dealers and merchants. If the Bishop would discard his "monomaniac" tendencies just long enough to investigate, he would find on the whole more Negroes following avocations "that call for brain force" than either the German or Irish and more than all other foreigners combined, in the United States.

"Fifty years ago—yes, forty years ago—this nation abounded with colored carpenters, brick masons, blacksmiths, painters, tailors, watchmakers, railroad car builders, buggy and carriage makers, cloth manufacturers, and every other industry known to skilled labor."

Yes and "this nation" abounds with them to-day, all over this country, and no one knows it better than Bishop Turner. "Fifty years ago the Negro race was estopped from entering the literary field. The law of Bishop Turner's own State made it a crime. The Negro was compelled to confine his intellect to the solitary bonds of the mechanical field. The South said in her laws, thus far you may learn and no farther. The Bishop seems to have a very high regard for the condition of our people "fifty years ago" It might be interesting for him to tell the country the number of Negroes elected to the United States Senate, House of Representatives, as Lieutenant Governors, members of the different State legislatures, the number that held federal offices, and whether he as a Bishop of the great A. M. E Church could even live as such, in the great Watermelon State, in the good old times of "fifty years ago." He should remember the code which prescribed the metes and bounds of Negro intellect was buried at Appomattox, and the American nation has placed the 13th amendment to the constitution upon that code, to keep it down forever more. The difference in the good old times of "fifty years ago" and the present is, when a Negro learned to be a first rate mechanic he was allowed no farther advancement "fifty years ago." Now he can be president of a college or bank, practice law or medicine, be an author or inventor, real estate broker or commission merchant.

"But for the last twenty-five or thirty years nearly all of this skilled labor has gone out of our hands, and the scum of creation has come here and gotten possession of it."

If the Bishop will take time and investigate he will find that "nearly all of the skill labor" has not gone into the hands of "the scums of creation." Negroes are employed in the iron mills of Pennsylvania, W Virginia, Virginia, Iowa, Tennessee and Alabama, and in the cotton mills of Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama. There are Negro engineers on some of the leading railways, and nearly all the stationary engines of the South of the cotton gins and saw-mills are run by Negro engineers. In fact, the Negro can be found in every avocation.

"For if there are any colored mechanics about, they are generally such makeshifts or mechanical botches that they will half do your work and will charge you twice as much as a good mechanic. Now why this condition of things? Echo answers why?

Only in the imagination of the Bishop exists "this condition of things." Nowhere else can they be found Every broadminded representative Negro has more confidence in the integrity and mechanical skill of his race. There are towns in the South built entirely by Negro mechanics, and I know of large steam saw-mills and cotton gins erected by black mechanics. The mass of the white people in the South will not employ white skilled labor if they can secure colored. The reason is, they have more confidence in the ability and integrity of the Negro than the learned Bishop who so maliciously misrepresents them.

"Two-thirds of the young ladies now, who become wives, know as much about how to make a shirt for their husbands as a mule knows about mathematics."

The Bishop either intentionally shut his eyes on the truth or had reference to the young ladies of Africa. I am sure his horror for prevarication is not entirely obliterated by his temporary residence in Africa. He knows that the mass of the Negroes live in the rural districts; that the mothers of our young ladies teach their daughters to sew, knit card and spin in their youth, and by the time they are adults they can make any ordinary wearing apparel, spin good thread, knit their hose and mittens.

"Yet they must be regarded as first-class ladies, highly cultured, because they can read, or write a letter, and claw a piano or an organ so unmusically that it gives every one in the neighborhood the delirium tremens."

Inasmuch as there is no record to show that the "claw" of "a piano or an organ" by a young colored lady has given any person the "delirium tremens," and in as much as the Bishop admits that he is a "monomaniac upon Africa," I dismiss the above wild and weird statement by simply calling his attention to the example God taught the world through Ananias and Sophia, and trust the learned Prelate will profit by that ancient established and memorable example.

"I know of more than one instance where white school super ntendents will employ no colored man or homely black young lady to teach. She must be a pretty mulatto girl and of somewhat easy virtue."

It is one thing to make a statement and quite another to make the proof. As the Bishop offers no proof to substantiate this vile charge, admitting his insanity, as he does, on one subject, I leave the reading public to draw their own conclusion as to his sanity on anything. No Caucasion Bishop has polluted his high calling by branding the femenine members of his race in such a manner. All christendom would like to know the city or county where this state of affairs exist. There are a great many teachers under the management of a city or county superintendent; "to employ no colored man or homely black lady to teach;" to fill the schools entirely with "pretty mulatto" girls "of somewhat easy virtue," is the most unkind cut of all.

As the diamond excels every jewel we find,
So truth is the one peerless gem of the mind.

Positive proof alone can save his name from heading the list, as the arched traducer of a noble, self-sacrificing and christian band of women, who are devoting their lives to the education and elevation of the Negro race. I know the people of the South. The Negroes would withhold their children from such teachers and if the white people knew (as they certainly would), that the superintendent favored the employment of disreputable teachers, his official decapitation would instaneously take place. I was born, reared and schooled in the South. I have faith in the future of my race in this country, and in the integrity and virtue of our women. I believe it an unpardonable crime to allow such an ineffably mean and scurrilous communication to go uncontradicted. Unless the Bishop avoids falsehood, he will find upon his arrival at the "eternal city," his anticipated robe will be in possession of one of the individuals he so wilfully maligns.

C. H. SHOTWELL, Chicago, Ill.,
81 S. Clark street, Room 6.

Found a Position.

I wish to thank The Freeman for having been instrumental in securing me a situation in the Pension office of H. Planter, and I shall not fail to use the paper again if necessary.

Very Respectfully,
NORA WELLS, Stenographer,
Leavenworth, Kan.

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Alexander Ferguson, who was sold from Richmond, Va, to Columbus Ga., just before the war. Any information respecting the above will pe gladly received by his brother, Charles Washington Norman Fairleigh, Glester Road, Bristol, United Kingdom.

Any one knowing the whereabouts of my father, Thomas Lucas, of Wilmington, N. C., lived in New York City in the neighborhood of McDugal and Sullivan streets, about 1885. Any information will be gladly received by David L. Brown, 1 Tottenham street, Tottenham Court Road, London, W., England.

Any one knowing the whereabouts of Jennie Sweet, my mother, of Columbus, Franklin county, Ohio, or Frank Hall, her brother. the former when last heard of was living at 69 E. Spring street, Columbus. The latter was living in Athens, Ohio. Any information of either persons will be thankfully received by

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Mrs. Emma Drury of Ensor, Davies Co., Ky., would like to know the whereabouts of her brother Wm. Nard or Bosley, who left Owensboro, Ky., during the war. He is light brown in complexion, probably forty years old; was known as Wm. Nard when a boy; but was sold to Nick Bosley and perhaps changed his name to Bosley. Any information about the above named person will be gladly received by his sister, Mrs. Emma Drury, Ensor, Davies Co., Ky.

Robert Ferguson and Ann Elizabeth Ferguson who were sold from Albermarle county, Va. five or six years before the war, were owned by Robert Barkly Moon, who lived at that time near a little town called Scottsville. My father's name was Peter Fergurson my mother's name was Francis Ferguson. There were two other boys Jasper and James Ferguson. Any information of the above relatives will be gladly received by their brother, C. P. Ferguson, Osceola, Mississippi Co, Ark.

Mrs. Maria Roberson of 124 Demperster street Evanston. Ill., would like to find her relatives: They are named Lloyd, Israel and Aaron Murry. Two brothers, John and Levi Murry are dead. Aaron Murry, my father, died when I was eight yoars old. Eliza Murry, my mother. died eleven years ago; she died in Baltimore, Md. Sister Charlotte Murry was sold to a man named Thomas Barnett. living in Cambridge, Md. Please send information to me as above.

Information is wanted of my two brothers and three sisters, Bettie Martin, Kate Martin, Phoebie Martin, Bob Martin, and Peter Martin. I left them near Oxford, Ga., in 1829. I last heard of them in Camden county, Ga. They were sold to a man by the name of Vennard. Any information as to their whereabouts will be thankfully received by me. Maria Moore, formerly Maria Vennard, Marianna, Ark.

I wish to make inquiry concerning my relatives, My mother's name was Mary Ann Willis, and my fathers name was Winston Beyers My mother died when I was 13. She belonged to C. Willis. I was sold to John Roach when I eight years old, then I was sold to Bill Roach. He sold me to Jeannette Crab, and I was then sold to a Negro trader by the name of Tom Pankey. I have five sisters whose names are Martha Ann, Harriett Barbara, Isabella, Amanda and Cynthia, also one brotheer named Andrew Jackson Willis. My name, Mahala Willis is now Mahala Wilkes. We last saw one another fifty years ago. Any information please address me at Searcy, Ark.

Information is wanted of Sam Larkins who left Hartford, Kentucky 15 years ago. His wife's name was Catherine and he had three children, two boys whose name were Willie and Lander, also one girl whose name is Louthedis. There are only two children living now, Landes and Louthedis. Willie is dead died July 9, 1892 and mother is dead; she died September 27, 1892. Any information as to the whereabouts of the person named will be thankfully received by Louthedis Larkins, Hartford, Kentucky.

Mrs. Patsey Smith would like to find the whereabouts of her four children, Frank, Henry, Jane and Ben. All belonged to a man by the name of Brown. They were taken away from him by a man named Crockett and brought to South Carrollton, Ky., on Green River. Ben was left in Holly Springs, Miss; he has not been heard from. Frank, Henry and Jane were carried from South Carrollton, Ky., by a Negro trader by the name of Corbin. They have not been heard of since. My maiden name was Patsey Crockett. Any informotion concerning the above four persons will be thankfully received by their mother, Patsey Smith, Central City, Ky.

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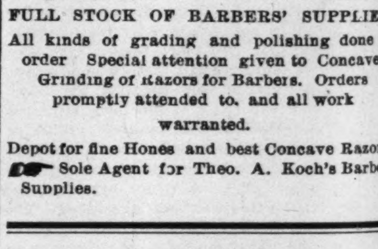

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Of all the horrifying occurrences that ever disgraced and blotted the human character of a nation, none has ever happened so revolting, so sickening in all its details as the one perpetrated upon the person of Smith, the colored man accused of raping and murdering Myrtle Vance, a four year old white girl at Paris, Texas. How true as to whether he was guilty or innocent of the crime charged against him, is beyond my power to determine. Though if he was guilty, no law moral or otherwise could justify that hellish cabal who threw aside every instinct of humanity to gratify the vengeful spirit prompted by no reason that God will condone. We who are far removed from the scene of the awful outrage have no imagination that could conceive the demonical passion that would cause one man to premeditate thrusting a white heated rod of iron into the vitals of another; for it is a fact in this case that every form of punishment meted out to Smith was fixed hours before the man was caught. Now picture, if you can, a pitiless horde of the flower of Texas chivalry with minds and and desires fixed on one consuming purpose and that the torture of a fellow being for the supposed commission of a crime, for which the law makers of that commonwealth have fixed a lawful penalty—imagine those self same law makers disregarding the very statutes they created to conserve the public safety—to throw themselves into that blood-thirsty throng, offering every assistance in their power to make the ultimate object of the affair a success. Fix these things firmly in your minds; draw your own conclusions and I dare say that the deductions you will make will leave you to believe that hell is a better place of residence than Texas. If Smith was actually guilty of the crime for which he was so cruelly maltreated he deserved every punishment that the laws of Texas have fixed for that grade of crime. Therefore, I would offer nothing in defense of the individual; nor did the offense that he is said to have committed, without regard to its brutality, excuse the actions of the persons participating in the butchery. Law is provided for men, that men may be protected from each other. It is the safeguard between civilization and barbarism; that keeps down the baser passions of men to that degree wherein it is made possible for them to exist together in harmony, It equalizes the plane of life to such a condition that the weak are assured protection against the strong. But to be a living thing of good it must receive the moral support of all men who live under its regime. And sovereign it should reign over all. Even greater than the people, for the people should not control the law, but the law the people. By this Paris affair you can easily comprehend the ill resultant from a law that is slave and not the master of a situation There are countless episodes, occuring in the South somewhat similar to the one in Texas, probably not so savage in treatment but all alike as to summary punishment for crimes that a good many times exist only in the brains of the lynchers. To-day I sat in my chamber, reading editorial excerpts from the different journals of the country concerning the torture of Smith, and also the associated press report which gave the uncanny happening a most vivid significance by detailing every time Smith's flesh was seared with the heated poker. So realistic was the statement that when I read of the red glowing rod being pushed into the man's eyes, it seemed to me that I was present at the scene of action, In fancy I saw his body withering under the application of burning brands. I saw a frenzied demon, time and again drop coals of fire in the eyeless caverns of the poor wretch. I looked upon a sea of faces; I saw some seamed and furrowed from age, round ruddy cheeked children and stern looking men and women whose faces denoted that life with them was not yet at the meridian mark. But not one face in the vast concourse looked a pitying reflection from the soul within for the suffering mortal being slowly tortured to death before their eyes. I stood, it seemed in my fancy, where the wind wafted to my nostrils the indescribable odor of burning flesh, and this with the shrieks of the dying man and the plaudits of the gathering seemed to concrete themselves into a query. Is civilization progressing or retrograding? Laying aside the fanciful and reverting to the editorial comments concerning the event, the northern journals are as one opinion againt it; the southern are somewhat divided; some, taking the side that though the punishment was commensurate with the crime, still the law should have been allowed to take its course. Others claim that it was the proper method of treatment for that class of crime. Thus I find that there is a feeling in the South inimical to law and order, which in time will bear its own fruition. As a young man of the race I do not feel or yield that deference to the so-called superior race that did and still does some of my ancestors. I am one of the great army of black youth of this country who feels with the intuitive instinct of the oppressed, that a crisis is iminent. I feel that the youth of which I am one, is to be the savior of the Negro race. Each moment the plan of action becomes more unified, Two formulas are to be chosen: from one prayers for a peaceful solution, begging for a consideration of the Golden rule by all mankind, the other craves the application of force let it be a war of extermination if it must be, for it is better to die fighting for liberty, if death as a sacrifice means a probable rectifying of the ills done the living. Repitition of the Paris, Texas, murder will go a great way toward the selection of the latter formula as a means of attaining the end for which we so wistfully pray. We are being driven to the wall and apparently there will be no cessation of the cruelties being practiced upon our people until we do fight. Each day marks the unnatural taking from life in Dixie land, one or more negro men, mostly accused of rape. Of such common occurrence are these incidents that they have ceased to cause comment as they have become in the nature of things a custom in the South-land. The hypothesis that I draw from the rape accusals is that one must be black to be a victim of ones carnal passions to such an intense degree as to cause one to assault unprotected females where ever an opportunity exists, for I have never heard of an instance happening in the South, where a member of any other race beyond that of black, being hanged or burned for these rapes, supposed or real. Yet, the white man, (he being the instrument who so industriously inveigles against the crime of rape,) has the same complement of base passions as the Negro. He murders, steals and in fact does everything that does the Negro, and for general downright cussedness exceeds the Negro tenfold, But his standard of morality is so high he will scruple to do anything that is mean except violate the virginity of woman. Fie for such slush! he can't even be trusted to keep aloof from staining his own sacred hearthstone. For of the numerous times that I have heard of Negroes being charged with raping white women or women of any race, I can name as many instances of white men ruining their own daughters. Is burning at the stake a merited punishment for this class of damnable hellishness? Nay! would I say with all the force of expression at my command. Nor could I, should I rack my brain from now until dooms day, think of a punishment that would fit the crime of incest. Few, if any, white men are lynched for any crime in the South. Thus with but little thought, you can see that the Negro's chance of obtaining justice in that section of the country is as small as the average Southern white man's opportunity of getting into Paradise. No law, legislative or judicial, is there in the south, that protects our homes, and lives against the depredations of any white man who may see fit to turn his hand against them.

By these things that are not born from the morbid mind of a pessimist but are living realities, I would ask whither we are drifting? Yet, my query dies in an echoless gloom. Oh! for a thousand John Boyle Reilly's to take up and defend our cause. To cast the gauntlet in that bloody southern arena where countless multitude of whitened skulls lie and mutely testify how low a nineteenth century civilization has fallen. Can this shocking and relentless cruelty continue and this great nation live? Precedent consulted cries aloud in stentorian tones "No!" And again bids you look, and back from the musty archives of time precedent draws the scroll of nations that have fallen by oppressions hand. Rome, in the very height of her glory, stands first on the list. Nero was guiding the helm of the mighty empire. The great state was living in an atmosphere of sensual indulgence, wealth seemed to be everywhere, the palaces of the rich were resounding with the dulcet tones of harp and voice King Bacchus was holding high reign, no one seemed to hear the mutterings of the coming storm, no one seemed to see the look of desperate determination pictured on the faces of a hundred thousand wretched slaves, men and women held to bondage that Nero might make unto himself and his friends great affluence and power. Then all at once when the Emperor of blood was at the zenith of his revels Rome, splendid Rome, fell, and became as naught! Why? Because oppressed man had been crushed down to the very dregs of degradation. The limits of human endurance reached, the recoil came, and the granduer of the noblest Rome of all became a passed page in the book of time. Again precedent holds aloft the scroll, points, and we see recorded in no uncertain hand another dynasty as it was and is. In this we saw the counterpart of fallen Rome. Here the queen of intrigue and duplicity held the master hand and she, Cleopatra, who through the adroit manipulation of a beautiful woman's wiles, made Egypt one of the most powerful kingdoms of its time. Her vassals were legion, her resources exhaustless, yet so merciless were the cruelties of this woman against her subjects, that when her forces were attacked by the armies of Octavius and Augustus Cæsar, soldiers and subjects alike flocked away from her standards, leaving her a wrecked ambition, an empty kingdom and a suicides grave.

Alexandria, the gem city of the Nile, fell from a monument of oriental magnificence to a puerile hamlet. Again precedent bids us look, we see a glorious and prosperous nation, we see the great Napoleon, Napoleon the greatest of tacticians, who changed at will the map of Europe, whenever fancy prompted. He grew from a petty prince to the most powerful monarch of modern times. Wherever he put his foot he left a trail of blood, the very suggestion of his name made men servile cowards within themselves. Oppression was his hobby. The wails of the millions that he trod under his iron heel seemed as the sweetest music in his ears. Mankind was a vast automatic machine of which he controlled the throttle. It moved when he desired and stilled when he commanded. France was the greatest of nations. Paris was the capital of Europe, Napoleon the guiding hand of its destiny. Yet from his creations, there sprang the germ of discontent; slowly but surely, it increased in magnitude. But from his coign of vantage Napoleon saw not, when, alas, from his conceited thought of self infallibility, the storm broke. A world of Napoleons could not have stopped the ruthless flood of furious millions that once unleashed poured into Bonny France. The arbiter of Europe fell many times swifter than he had arisen and became an outcast from his own native land and France bowed with humiliated submission before commanded obeisance, and why, because there was and is a limit to human forbearance the world over, As the mind grows richer in enlightment the desire for universal justice becomes more a necessity than a ephermeal fancy where it will not be given; those who seek to deprive others from it will be made give it. Precedent, tells you if a nation must exist in peace and safety, communities no more than individuals must exercise laws that will work to the disadvantage of the weak as arrayed against the strong. And mark you well that the existing conditions as prevail to-day to the detriment of the Negro of America must be changed or the time will not be long in coming when precedent will have another nation to point to as an example for future generations to profit by, that they may not fall into a state of disruption (through the tolerance of injustice and oppression) as did those that precedent mentioned.

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ALL HONOR TO GOV. HOGG.

The hand writing is on the wall! The spirit of murder and persecution that for a quarter of a century has reigned without a break-over one half of this great republic, and whose victims are numbered into the many thousands, seems approaching a day of reckoning.

Public opinion, and in the case of this monster, the conscience of the civilized world has helped to swell the tide, is at last awakened from its lethargetic sleep, and gathering in its might, is summoning the culprit to a halt, and demanding that the revel of blood shall cease. The last awful crime engaged in by ten thousand "civilized" citizens of the "civilized" state of Texas has reverberated throughout the world, the Democratic Governor of that ill starred commonwealth, has risen to the neight of his duty, in a message to the legislature of that State, the salient points of which we lay before our readers to-day.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Executive Office, Austin, Tex., Feb. 6, 1893.—Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives: It becomes my painful duty to emphasize to you the necessity of taking some steps to prevent mob violence in Texas. The recent terrible holocaust at Paris is but an illustration to what extent the mob spirit will go when the laws are inadequate to check it. While the victims of that affair was guilty of an atrocious, barbarous crime, appalling to contemplate, for which he was certain of full punishment under the constitution and laws of the state, civilization stands as a helpless witness to the most revolting execution of the age, in which large numbers of citizens openly, in broad day, publicly became murderers by methods shameful to humanity.

Brushing away sentiment, which should never accompany punishment for crime, the public murder committed at Paris is a disgrace to this state. Its atrocity, inhumanity and sickening effect upon the people at large cannot be obscured by reference to the savage act of the culprit himself in brutally taking the life of an innocent child. For his deed the death penalty awaited him under the law. The imputation that he could not have been legally executed in any court in this state is a slander upon the integrity of every citizen. To contend that his executioners, who publicly murdered him, can neither be indicted or tried in the county where that crime was commited is a pretense and a mockery. So the condition exists in our state that, while one man may be convicted for murder, a hundred men who publicly commit murder, cannot be. * * * Are the people willing to submit to this? If they are they should have the courage, the manhood, the justice, and the patriotism to repeal the bill of rights, and permit each local community to summarily dispose of all real or supposed offenders. * * *

This late execution at Paris is not the only one that has been performed by a mob in that county within the past twelve months: within that period three other men were hanged to death in that neighborhood who had committed no crimes. Their presence in the community was offensive or perhaps menacing to the pleasure and equanimity of the band of murderers who took their lives. There have been other instances in this state where innocent men have been executed by mobs, and no punishments therefore have been possible. The condition has grown to this, that if enough men in a comunity choose to defy the whole law, they can go on in their nefarious executions at will. The action at Paris is the culmination of this spirit, long existing in a few counties of the state magnified on a large scale. * * *

Will the legislature stand by and permit this condition to continue undisturbed, unchanged any longer? I hope not. * * * A mob execution is no less than a murder execution. No man or set of men, with murder upon their hands, are capable of justly enforcing the laws. As a rule, the riffraff, lounging, indolent, lawless element of a community inspire and lead the mobs, while the law abiding, industrious, honest citizen is terrorized by the spectacle. If people otherwise respectable are led into the crime by the excitement of the occasion, in their cooler moments they must see that their leaders and associates are an element of hardened criminals. Something should be done to teach them in advance that for their crimes they must answer at the bar of justice. The question is difficult to deal with; but if your honorable bodies will enact suitable laws, and place the means at my hands, every person who takes part in a mob shall be brought to trial or the strength of the machinery of justice shall be thoroughly tested in the effort. There is no higher obligation resting upon the legislative department than to have the constitutional guarantees for protection of life, liberty and property respected and obeyed. If taxation becomes necessary to raise funds by which this may be done, I advise your honorable bodies to lay it on and make the people pay it to the full extent necessary. * * * To aid in suppressing mob violence in this state I respectfully suggest a law embodying the following features:

1. That when any person, being a prisoner or in jail or other place of confinement, or under arrest or in official custody or restraint, or is held by or under the authority of any county, city or state officer, or is restrained by virtue of any legal process, shall be taken from such place or authority in violation of law, put to death, the county within which such person was so held or confined, and from which he may have been so taken, shall be liable to pay a specified large sum to the surviving husband, wife, children and parents of said person who shall so suffer death.

2. Make the county also liable for damages when any person not being a prisoner of under legal duress is mobbed by two or more persons, and the said criminals are not within the specified time indicted and prosecuted for their crime.

3. Make each person or corporation also liable for damages who takes part in or aids by acts, encourages by words or gestures, or who keeps watch or in any way abets in the mobbing of a person.

4. Give the surviving relatives an action in the district court of any county where the murder was committed or in any county where either or all of the plaintiffs may reside when the action is instituted.

5. Render the sheriff ineligible to hold his office and provide for his removal when a prisoner is taken from the jail or from himself or from any officer or lawful authority in his presence and is put to death by a mob.

6 Provide for a change of venue either before or after indictment in all cases of mob violence.

When passion in its wild rush for blood overrides the law and tramples down the constitution a precedent for anarchy is set, marking the way for the destruction of the government. Patriotic action on the line of wisdom and justice now becomes necessary to prevent its spread. Repeated overt criminal acts in this state have sounded the warning. The power rests with your honorable bodies to encourage anarchy by silence or to crush it by suitable action. Strengthen the laws; supply the means; and if the executive fails to perform his duties fully under all circumstances then let him stand condemned as a criminal himself before the civilized world. Respectfully,

(Signed) J. S. HOGG.
Governor of Texas.

The message was immediately referred to the Judiciary committee, with the request that it take precedence over other business.

We repeat, all honor to Gov. Hogg. To have the courage of duty is what only the truly great can boast of. Had this Southern Democratic Govenor failed of his duty, we would have censured him, that he has not, we commend him.

BEHOLD US!

Read THE FREEMAN with care this week, as through our regular and special correspondents, we are enabled to invite you to such a feast as even THE FREEMAN, always ahead, is not at all times enabled to do. Among the special articles are those of Hon. E. P. McCabe, of Oklahoma; E. S. Shotwell, Esq, of Chicago; Mr. W. L. Anderson, of Cincinnati, and the very readable resume of the public career of Ex Senator Bruce from the pen of Geo. C. Smith, of Washington, D C., former private secretary to his distinguished patron. To those interested in Oklahoma as a future home for the Negro, we recommend a careful reading of Mr. McCabe's article on page 6; Mr. Shotwell, 2nd page, has something to say to Bishop Turner, that the able churchman and his many friends, will, we think, find interesting reading, while Mr. W. L. Anderson discourses logically and eloquently, 3rd page, on the late horrible Texas holocaust. Upon the whole, THE FREEMAN of this issue, presents its readers with more choice literature from different sections of the country, on live issues of the moment, than any three of its contemporaries. Don't be satisfied, but watch for next week's issue.

REGULAR ARMY ETIQUETTE.

There is no department of government where nauseating snobbery is carried to such a high hand as within the charmed circle of that department of military life represented by the "West Pointers" in the army. For the first two years of the late civil conflict the successful prosecution of the war was seriously obstructed by the dilletante airs of the "educated" warriors from the government school, who objected to the presence of "volunteer" soldiers. Attention is just now called to this old spirit, as shown in the case of Captain Taylor of the regular army, who is cited to appear at Ft. Wayne to be tried for "conduct unbecoming an officer" because he married a "domestic," which being interpreted means a poor girl, a crime so flagrant according to regular army law, and etiquette, that the Board setting on his case "will make a special examination of Capt. Taylor's mental condition." Rats!

HON. BRUCE CARR,

Ex-Auditor of the State of Indiana, died Tuesday morning, after a brief illness, at his residence in this city. Mr. Carr was a comparatively young man, and up to his last sickness had been blessed with excellent health. During the last few years of his life, he had been active in politics, and was a Republican whose place in the party will not be quickly filled.

IS HE LOSING HIS HEAD?

The Age man, we mean, is he losing his head, or has he been told so often and unmeasuredly by bleared-eyed Negro editors of his ilk, but smaller calibre, that his wild pronunciamentos were just the card, that forsooth to consist, he must keep them up to the end of the chapter, regardless of common sense, fairness and truth?

As an obituary writer, he's growing with the days, and the inscriptions he carves upon the tombs of his dead, politically and otherwise, fairly sizz and smoke, as they are spun out red hot from the chambers of his vast and cavernous mind

He stamped poor Hayes' many feet beneath terra firma, and wrote upon his head stone in bold hand: "A traitor to himself, and a traitor to the Negro of the South;" and in the last issue of his otherwise well balanced sheet, he gathers himself for a supreme effort, and fairly takes the rag off the bush in a two column effusion to prove "Ben Harrison a traitor too," but less excusable than Tyler, Fillmore, Johnson or Hayes, who "erred from self-interest, prejudice or weakness," while he, Harrison, committed the unpardonable crime, "from spite and with a single purpose to perpetuate an open, confessed and inexcusable wrong!" Our readers will understand, that the straw that broke the camel's back in the estimation of our New York contemporary in Harrison's case, was his appointment of Judge Jackson to the United States Supreme Bench.

Now of that appointment we have had our say, and we repeat it looks strange that a Republican president should have been constrained to appoint a Southern Democrat to so responsible a position, but just the same, without one grain of the sycophant in our nature, we think it a far-fetched reflection, not at all warranted by the facts surrounding the case, to impugn the president's motive in the action, and with the savageness of a mad dog write him down as a TRAITOR for his act.

The epithet of TRAITOR is the most damning apellation that can attach to the life of a public man, and it has been well for the sake of impartial history, that our esteemed contemporary prates of so hopefully, that its pages have not all been written by such wild harum scareum recorders as himself, else would many of its greatest spirits have been misunderstood, or pointed to as traitors to their times.

Granted that Harrison committed a blunder and error, as some of our best journals like the Planet and Plaindealer have designated it, to which we add, a most grievous blunder and error, for the greatest are not impervious to mistakes, what then, must he be nailed to the cross as a traitor, and the stone of a race's condemnation rolled against him forever as the meanest of all traitors, he who acts through spite?

Nonsense! Quit such narrow, bombastic racial spleen.

Was Washington a traitor to his country, because he called into his Cabinet a genius who trained against the party dear to his convictions, or Lincoln who did the same thing Harrison is being abused for now?

When this same man of blessed memory, the father of the Emancipation act, refused point blank, to interfere with the institution of slavery at the commencement of the war, and revoked the humanitarian proclamations of Freemont, Hunter and Butler, relative to the disposition of the slave and "brother," was he a traitor and foe to the Negro, as the hot heads of the day delighted to call him, or was he building better than they knew or dreamed?

Does any one call him a traitor today, because in the very wording of his immortal State paper, he gave the South an opportunity to be received back into the Union, bringing their slave property with them?

Is the New Jersey Democratic Governor a traitor to his party, because he was great enough just the other day to rise above party, and appoint a Republican to the honor judgeship of his State?

And for the same reason, if reports are true, should the anathemas of one-eyed party leaders, be remembered, if giving Judge Gresham the first portfolio of his Cabinet, it should turn out that Cleveland acted wise and patriotically?

The country to-day is alive with upright, able, race loving colored men who are unapologetic members of the Democratic party, but the man who would call such men as Robert Purvis, Wm. Still, C. H. J. Taylor, T. McCants Stewart, Geo. T. Downing, James N. Matthews, Robert G. Still and many others, traitors to their country and race, as was once fashionable, would be a jackass, a liar and a fool.

The fact is, this is an age of disintegration and progress, politically speaking, and scores of self-dubbed leading race men are not up with the procession.

Many well meaning Negroes, like Fortune for instance, seem to feel and argue from the sole premise, that the Republican party and its leaders should have but one thought and aim, viz.: the Negro and his guarantees as a citizen before the law, while the Democratic party exists only to persecute and hamper his progress.

The premise is false and misleading from both views.

At this stage of the game, no political party can afford to be blindly impervious to the just demands of the 10,000,000 Negroes that comprise the race in America, but—and here's what so many of the race never think of, there are 50,000,000 white people, whose wishes and claims have to be considered also by the leaders and Statesmen who shape the policy of parties.

Revolutions are not accomplished in a day in the United States, any more than in other countries, large bodies move slow, and the Negro is not the only "kicker" in the fold.

Generally speaking, he's no better, if no worse than a white man, and like white men, who do not get everything they are looking for at once, and are very often mystified by their leaders, he must learn to be fair, truthful and just in his reflections.

Nothing is gained by indirection, or the dissemination of hasty diseased conclusions.

Mr. Harrison, as was his right, has been content, taking all things broadly into consideration no doubt, to appoint a Democratic Judge from the South, to succeed a deceased Judge from the same section, and however much some of us may regret the step he has taken, as it appeals to our sense of fitness and race future, we should be the last people to write traitor behind that man's name, and at the same time, stamp with our own hand the mark of the ingrate upon our brow for others to see and shun us for. Broaden out old man, in your own pet phraze, "don't fret, we'll be happy yet"

EX-SENATOR BRUCE.

This gentleman, whose "cut" adorns our first page, needs no introduction to an American audience, his name is a household word and is honored wherever spoken. On the opposite page is a well written, although necessarily abridged resume of his public life, as he has made and lived it, before the glare of the general gaze, for the last twenty odd years, which we commend especially to the young men of the race, as affording a type and model, worthy their highest appreciation and example. From the avenues impeded and obstructed at best, which were open before him thirty years ago, unknown and untried of himself, he has wrought more thorough and better than his fellows, who started with him on the quest for honor and achievement. Within a short time he will be called upon to lay down the baton of public office, perhaps, although we hope not, never to take it up again, but he may rest assured that beyond the shades of private life, wherever, and by whom, integrity is exalted, high aims and great achievement pointed to for example, he will continue to be looked up to, and revered. Compared with contemporary Negro Statesmen, Mr. Bruce's place in many respects, has always been an advanced one. He has at times been misunderstood, to be further pursued by a spirit of detraction that ever assails the greater name, but he has been armed so strong in honesty, has been so clear and above board through all his public life, that the defense of friends is surperfluous, even as the shafts of envy and misconception have fallen harmless at his feet. Looking back through his official career, having trod the ways of glory, as far as party preferment is concerned, a greater distance than any other member of his race, we doubt not, the charms and repose of private life, will be turned to by our distinguished countrymen with a sense of honorably won relief.

CONSTANT dropping wears a hole in the rock. Full and complete reciprocity with Canada is on the way, and after that, what, annexation? During the course of a stormy debate a few days since in the Canadian House of Commons, John Charlton, a prominent Liberal, speaking on the question of reciprocity, used the following significant language, as showing the trend of feeling between the two countries, and the attitude of the party of the Crown toward the same.

While the government at Washington had no love for the party in power in this country, he was glad to be able to say that during recent visits to the American capital, where he met many prominent politicians of both political parties, he found the people of Canada stood high in the estimation of American statesmen. He mentioned Hon. J. G. Carlisle as being well disposed towards granting reciprocity toward Canada, and also the Hon. W. M. Springer. Yet in the face of these sentiments, expressed by some of the most prominent members of the ruling party in the United States, the government of Canada had the criminal audacity to tell the people that it cannot obtain any measure of free commercial intercourse with the American nation.

WE acknowledge an invitation from the Faculty and graduating class, forwarded through the courtesy of a noble "Greek," D. W. Byrd, to have been present at the anniversary exercises of Meharry Medical College, Dental and Pharmaceutical Departments of Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn., which took place Tuesday evening, the 7th of this month.

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NEVER READ A BETTER.

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I received a copy of your excellent race paper, and can say of a truth I have never read a better paper. HATTIE E. HASTY,
Moncure, N. C.

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I have read your paper, The Freeman, for one year, the more I read it the better I like it.
JOHN TURNER.
Glasgow, Mo.

†—‡

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I am a reader of your paper and have been for some time. Two or three times I have missed reading it and I felt as though a friend was missing. LULA BELDON.
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Editor Freeman.
The Freeman is the joy of my wife, I think it is household company, will do all I can to make it take well with our people in this city.
WM. E. WASHINGTON,
Washington, D. C.

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THE MORE SHE READS IT.

Editor Freeman.
I have been a constant reader of your valuable paper for a year or more, and the more I read it the better I like it. With best wishes for the success of your paper I remain, yours truly MRS. MAMIE E. WOODWARD.
Paducah, Ky.

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IS THANKFUL.

Editor Freeman.
I am thankful that I can get such a race paper as The Freeman, I believe it is the best race paper that I ever saw. Just as soon as my subscription expires I expect to renew it again. I also expect to get as many subscribers as I can.
T. B. WALKER.
Wheatley, Ark.

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SHALL FOREVER SUBSCRIBE.

Editor Freeman.
We are always glad to read The Freeman, it is truly a race paper. I long to see the time come when the whole race will read and love it, for it is the best paper I have ever read for the race. I spend whole evenings reading it, the more I read it the better I love it, hope it will have the success to go over the whole entire country. I shall forever be a subscriber for The Freeman. ISSABELLA JONES,
Grand Junction, Tenn.

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BEST I EVER SAW.

Editor Freeman,
I think The Freeman is one of the best papers of the kind that I ever saw, devoted exclusively to the moral, intellectual, social, and financial welfare of the race, it does not have its columns mixed up with all sorts of church affairs, these things are well and good in their proper places, but I don't think they should compose the entire columns of the newspapers.
DAVID HOLDEN,
Fort Bayard, New Mexico.

THIS is certainly the age of organization. A movement is on foot to federate all the different railroad organizations throughout the country into one great body, which, if carried out, will make it the most powerful labor organization in the land. And that gives us a thought, where is the black Powderly or Gomphers, what's his height, breadth and magnetic qualities, and where does he live, who can organize the Negro working men of America into one huge powerful force. Show us this man, and we will show you the greatest leader, in some respects, that the dark tinted races of the earth has produced since the days when Etheopia was in her glory, and Isaiah hurled his prophetic anathemas against her.

BURNING AT THE STAKE.

A Noted Divive.—Church, Society and Political Sparks.

Kansas City, Kansas Special.

Your correspondent at this point has patiently watched the editorials of the various exchanges of the West in regard to the recent inhuman, diabolical barbarity in the burning at stake of Henry Smith at Paris, Texas, Feb. 1. A fearless white exchange says that although Smith was guilty of a most barbarous and inhuman crime, yet the swift bitter punishment inflicted was no less cruel; and that the actions of the civilized (?) citizens of Paris abounded with no less depravity and unrighteousness than was found in the deed of the tortured human being. This is about the tone in which the majority of the Western journals have spoken and some have advised that every pulpit in the land would denounce lynching and ask that the laws of the country be respected and enforced. In the highest do we commend the fearless and timely utterances of Gov. Hogg against the mayor and citizens of Paris, and feel safe in saying that God is not dead in the hearts of all the people of the wretched and inhuman south.

The Metropolitan Baptist church of this city is to be congratulated upon its success in securing to the pastorate of the church the Rev. D, F Rivers, of Clarksville, Tenn. As far as we can learn he is the right man in the right place. He is a representative minister in every respect, His congregation is said to be the wealthiest in this city. The St. James A. M. E. church, Rev. J. W. Wilson pastor, has just closed a very successful revival. The Bell Street A M. church is in a very prosperous condition under the leadership of its new pastor. Its members are alive in the work. The many weekly readers of the Freeman will no doubt rejoice to know that Master Charles Walker has awakened interest the circulation of the paper. Now please patronize him. We note that many of the exchanges are booming Hon C. H J. Taylor for recorder of Deeds to succeed Hon. B. K. Bruce. We certainly hope for Bro, Taylor's success, for there is no braver Negro Democrat in the land.

Wealthy Afro.Americans.

Americus, Ga., Special.

The improvement club is progressing nicely. J. W. Russell and Son, H. Jones, M. Hart, S. Jenkens, T. Mitchell and E. Wringo, the Negro merchants are doing very good business. Miss Carry L. Warren, the superintendent of the First Baptist Sunday school and a teacher in the public school is unable to be at her post. Dr. J. D. Ball has a good practice here. Rev. M. R. Wilson, pastor of the A M. church, is interested in the Freeman. Mrs. Green and Miss Eva H. Lee, of Shelby, Ala., will make Americus their future home. Those who owe Dr. J. D. Ball please keep an eye out for his collector. R C. Carter, and be sure and have the money ready that you owe for the Freeman. The agent must have the money or the paper will be stopped. Don't forget that there will be a letter in the Freeman from Americus each week. Do you want to read the best Negro paper published? Then why do you refuse the Freeman. All that want their names sent to the office and enrolled on the roll of honor, please take the Freeman so the agent will know who you are. We want every body in Americus to read the Freeman. The city that affords the greatest number of readers, each reader will get a prize. Miss Ellen M. Neal is writing a book, title, "True Womanhood." J. J. Simmons is the best bartender in the state. J. W. Russell and Son, are worth $30,000, H. Jones $20,000, M. Hart $15,000, S. Jenkins $5,000, C. A. Catledge $26,000, C. A. Catledge, Jr., $8,000, Phillips and Phillips $8,000, Mrs. Fannie Fraisier $8,000, D. H. Dudley $5,000, H. Anderson $5,000, A. Lunsford, $5,000, M H Barnett $5,000, D. C. Robinson $5,000 S. H. Halsey $8,000, B. W. Warren, Jr., $4,000, S. Gloner $4,000, S. Wooten $3,000, T. Mitchel $5,000 The Freeman only wants five hundred weekly subscribers for 1893. Every lady must read the Freeman. Look out for the agent, R. C. Carter, and be ready for him.

Osceola, Ark.

Rev. J. M. Conner, D. D LL. D. held his first quarterly conference at the A. M. E. church last Saturday and preached and administered the Lord's supper to a large congregation on Sunday at 3:00 p. m. The pastor, Elder Block, preached at 11 a. m. After preaching at night Dr. Conner spoke on the duty of the colored people. He lectured at the colored school on Tuesday evening. Prof. J. E. Powell is principal of this school; Miss H. Harris assistant. Rev. R. R. Block is the New pastor of the second Baptist church. E. Johnson, the oldest and one of the best teachers in this county is doing a good business.

Africa or Oklahoma?

New Lewisville, Ark.

Editor Freeman:—This town is excited over the circuit Court sending colored people to the penitentiary on circumstantial evidence only. One was hanged at Camden, Ark., last week on circumstantial evidence. Little Ben. F. Coleman, colored, five years of age, who reads the Bible, French, Latin and Japanese, displayed his gift from God in a satisfactory manner. The ridiculous part of the business is, that the father of this little boy has hired him to a white man for one year, ending January 31st, 1894, at $50 00 per week. Second, the white people in the South demand separation of seats from those to which race the child belongs. The Negroes in this vicinity are thoroughly stirred up over going to Oklahoma Territory,

The hand of oppression is over the Negro in the South. Will you tell us what is best to do, go to Africa or Oklahoma?

Murdered his Wife.

Camden, Ark, Special.

Luke Tatum, the Negro wife murderer was hanged here Jan. 31st at 9:50 o'clock. Tatum's crime was a most brutal one. Leaving the church in which he had just preached a sermon, he walked down the road to a point where he knew his wife would pass to visit a neighbor and on her appearance, he struck her with a club, and beat her head into a pulp.

West Point, Ga.

Miss Urley Martin, of Atlanta, is visiting at West point. Miss Maggie Whitaker has moved into her beautiful dwelling on Morris street. Mr. Bill Robinson has gone to West Point. to open a bakery. Miss Alice Long is in Montgomery visiting her sister.

EX-SENATOR B. K. BRUCE.

A Resume of his Official Life, Presenting some of the

Forces Which Have Played so Important a Part in his Wonderful Success.

By George C. Smith.

THIS country has made more history, produced more distinguished men during the past 30 years, than at any other time. Among the many who have figured in this history during the past 20 years perhaps none, considering all the circumstances, eclipses the Ex-Senator from Mississippi.

It was my pleasure to give to the readers of The Freeman, June 27th, 1891. "The Reminiscences of Ex-Senator Bruce, by his Private Secretary."

It occurs to me that, just at this time—as he is about to retire from public life—it is proper and fitting to say something of his public life; something of the leading traits in his character; some of the forces which have impelled him and have done much, not only in developing the man but winning for him, success in his public career. Having been associated with him for nearly thirty years and closely connected with him, during all of his political life, I have watched with interest the wonderful strides he has made, and endeavored to learn something of the forces which are hidden in the man.

The glory of our country is a possibility it opens up to the humblest of its citizens. Under our Republican form of government, the bare-footed boy of to-day, may become the statesman of tomorrow; the child of humble parentage may attain to any eminence, may mould and control public thought. No station in life is unattainable; self-reliance, a well balanced brain are the forces which lend the motive power.

A man who has been able to hold, unbroken, public attention for nearly a quarter of a century, and to win from his fellow-countrymen the highest honors within their gift—except that of president of the United States—must certainly have within himself the elements of greatness, for in the arena of politics no favors are shown; the fittest only survive. Men are measured and weighed perhaps, with more exactness than in any other field.

Many Afro-Americans, during the past twenty years, have sprung forth as bright as meteors only to shine for a day and disappear and are forgotten.

It occurs to me, that the times in which this gentleman started out in life—thirty years ago—at the beginning of the greatest period in the history of this country, had much to do in inspiring and urging him on.

At the age of twenty-one, when commerce was paralyzed and the shops had closed their doors to answer to the call "to arms," to keep intact the grand old flag, that not a single star should be rent from the Union, not one stripe from its field; when the dark and ominous clouds of disunion mantled and threatened this fair land and the whole North was feverish with excitement for the preservation of the Union; when the two great sections—the North and the South—were arrayed against each other and had grappled by the throat, in deadly conflict, for a cause each honestly believed to be just and righteous, and father was arrayed against son and brother against brother; when the mother had kissed her fair and rosy-cheeked boy for the last time and with God's blessing bade him don the blue or the gray; when sweetheart and lover had plighted their troth, she to await his coming, he to bare his breast to shot and shell for a cause they both loved; when cannon and musketry was making for this country a better and a higher Christian civilization written in blood, Mr. Bruce left the early scenes of his boyhood—Missouri the state of his adoption—and crossed the broad waters of its grand river to seek a new home in the new land that had but recently been made red with blood in the great struggle between the "Free Soil" party, led by John Brown and Jim Lane on the one hand and the slave oligarchy on the other. Imagine, if you can, the wild alarm of the April days of '61, live for a moment in the thought of that call "to arms;" taking from farm and village every able bodied man and so many of the brave boys; say over some of the good-byes; feel the pressure of the parting hand; put away the sobbing wife, the tender mother, the loving sister, "fall in," take step to the beat of the drum, "march!" and the present generation will have a faint idea of those days and yet the picture is but half complete.

These were the times that stirred and moved men, they moved and stirred and filled with ambition the man who was to play so important a part in making for himself a name and a history for his race of which the future historians when writing of this period will delight to dwell upon.

Just budding into a splendid manhood he determined to break away from his environments and accomplish for himself something in life. Blessed as he was with a magnificent physique, he must have, from what has followed, started out in life with a fixed purpose in view. There was no Micawber in his character, he did not wait for something to turn up, nor did he believe that "All things come to those who wait;" but he struck out to make for himself a name; to be one of those of whom it might be recorded: "He rose above his conditions, his surroundings and made his own history." Some men believe in luck, believe in chance, believe in circumstances. Strong men, wise men, have faith in the forces resultant from the established principle of cause and effect.

As the possibilities of literature are demonstrated in the works of Macauley and Shakespeare and their peers; as the possibilities of art are better known by Raphael, Titian, Michael Angelo, Leornardo de Vinci, so are the possibilities of what a man may accomplish in other walks of life as shown by the wonderful strides of this man.

With all that has been written of him comparatively little is known of the real man and his methods. Perhaps he is less understood by Afro-Americans than any who have figured in public life. Indeed, few have gone so far as to assert that he has no interest in his race or in their advancement, and yet, if the records of the departments at Washington were searched, it would be discovered that more Afro Americans are charged to him in the public service, than to all other Afro-Americans who have figured in public life. Many times when men have received recognition in the public service through his influence and the credit gone to others, I have urged him to give the facts of the case to the public that he might receive credit which was justly due him, but with a waive of the hand he would say: "What do I care to whom the credit is given I am satisfied and that is sufficient."

Although not understood by many of his own race, yet the great minds in the other race with whom he has mingled so freely for so many years, have measured him and have not found him wanting. They judge him by what he has accomplished; by the same rules they apply to other men; they measure him by results.

The real strength of Mr. Bruce lies in the fact that he knows no obstacles, no failures. So well has he become a master of himself that the injunction "Know thyself" need not be urged upon him. When he has fully made up his mind, the victory is half his own, and however great the struggle, however great the victory, the public hardly ever knows there has been a struggle or that a victory has been won. He enjoys the fact and cares not if the public is none the wiser. If it looks on and sees the attending results so well, if not, it matters not to him. He enjoys the fruits of his victory and is satisfied. This is one of the strong, and I might say, peculiar traits in his exceptionally strong character.

It is a strong and abiding faith in his ability to perform which overcomes difficulties from which others shrink. He recognizes, after all, that labor and pluck are the heroes who win success.

That Mr Bruce is ambitious is beyond question. It has been this element in his character that has impelled him, literally driving him along. As ambition is the life of the gifted spirits that have shone in the realms of art, literature, statesmanship and religion, as Raphael working, chiefly, with the aim of blending his mother's sweet face with the angelic beauty of his Madonas, so has Mr. Bruce stood out, boldly, in endeavoring to promote the upward march, to bettering the condition of his fellow men and to this end he did not "fling away ambition" as commanded, but rather courted it. That this ambition has done much for him in his public life is true. To have been less ambitious would have been fatal to him.

To review his entire political career would consume more of your valuable space than should be taken. I must, therefore, be content to give but a short resume. In all the many offices he has held he has distinguished himself. Becoming a school teacher in '62, immediately upon his arrival in Kansas, and later in Missouri, and his course of study at Oberlin and a thorough course he has since pursued, has had much to do with fitting him for the life he has led. As Sergeant-at-Arms of the Mississippi State Senate—the first office he ever held—he displayed marked ability and soon became a recognized leader in his party. As assessor of the county of Bolivar he filled the position with fidelity, and when he became sheriff and tax collector of the same county—the most important office within the gift of the people and a member of the Levee Board and Cotton Tax Collector for the same board in which he handled more than one million dollars, being under bond of more than two hundred thousand dollars, he filled these positions with strict integrity and at no time has there been even a hint of suspicion that one dollar of the public funds was lost through his management. Perhaps the office in which he took the most pride, in his county, was that of County Superintendent of education, having under his charge all the schools, both white and colored, he imported from the best schools in the North the most eminent teachers to be had and literally filled his county with them. When the writer succeeded him in this position he found in this county a system of schools, built up by him, second to none in the state.

Although this has been twenty years, he has never lost interest in the education of the people in that county; for upon his plantation he has built a public school house and church at his own expense, that his tenants may have the advantage of an education and sees that the schools are maintained under experienced and qualified teachers.

Mr. Bruce never had faith in the success or permanency of reconstruction, he endeavored, at the outset, to avert what he saw coming, the final overthrow of Republican rule in his state and the South. He early recognized the fact that ignorance or inexperience, even if backed by great numbers could never successfully rule wealth and intelligence; hence he built up a party of his own in that county by incorporating into it the wealth and intelligence of the native whites. The result of that experiment bears fruit unto this day, for the two races dwell together in perfect harmony and peace, there has never been a riot, mob or lynching in all these twenty-one years. They go hand in hand sharing with each other the offices of the county, and an Afro-American is as free and as safe in his civil and political rights there as in any section in the North.

His six years in the United States' Senate, a body over which he many times presided; as Register of the Treasury, having in charge the great ledgers of this Government, have become a part and parcel of our country's history and will stand as a monument to the capacity and capability of the Afro-American race. The office he now holds, Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, was never in a better condition than now. In retiring from public life it is doubtful if he will ever again enter actively into politics. His highest ambition has been gratified and he will rest upon the laurels he has won.

If he shall return to public life it will be that he may think he can the better serve his friends; but whether in public life or in the quiet shades of private life he will always exert a potent influence in public affairs, so firmly has he become a part and parcel of the advancement of his race and the bettering of their condition.

He will doubtless re-enter the lecture field where he was eminently successful during the four years he was out of office. He was constantly in demand and lectured before the elite of this country; before such institutions of learning as Dartmouth, State University of Pennsylvania, the State University of Michigan, and many other great seats of learning. As a forcible writer and platform orator he has few superiors.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9 '93.

BIENNIAL ENTERTAINMENT,

Sophomores to Have Gold Medals.—Class Day Exercises.

Lincoln University (Penn.) Special.

It will be of interest to all old graduates to know that Lincoln's famous literaries still flourish. The G. L. A. in her biennial entertainment will produce this year a Moot Senate. She promises a talented and pleasing affair. In the P. L. S. the old resolution to abolish the Freshman contest was once more before the house and passed by a great majority. Hereafter the society will award prize gold medals in the Sophomore year.

The anniversary this year will be composed of members from the different classes and will be interesting as ever. The missionary society has no special variety but is proceeding quietly in her characteristic way. The Senior class has honored the following members by appointment on class day: English salutatory, S. J. Barrapfield; Latin salutatory, W. E. Jefferson; Ivy Oration, W. R. Williams; Class History, J. H. Hayswood; Greek salutatory, W. T. Richie; D. D. Oration, C. N. Williams; M. D. Oration, F S. Belcher; LL. D. Oration. W. L. Morris; Class Prophecy, F. Oliver; Valedictory, J. S. Leneer; Musical Director, S. H. Long. The executive committee is Messrs. S. H. Long, Thos. Coleman, B. B. Jeffers, J. H. Hayswood and J. W. Brown, under whose management the class looks forward to success. Exercises will be held morning and evening. Dr. Hodge. an able man, temporarily fills the chair of the late Dr. Jones. T. Jefferson is convalescing. G. R. Brabham, of '94, got his ankle sprained on the ball field last week. If you wish to know what is going on in our schools and colleges and various social circles read the Freeman, the leading Negro journal of America. To those who are taking it, let them renew their subscriptions and invite others to subscribe at once as every issue is important. For special rates, call on J. P. Murphrey.

A FEMININE DEBAUCHEE.

Drinks to her Death While Tiptoeing to the Banter of

Her Lewd Companions.—A Youthful Fugitive.—Shrewd Work of a Detective.—"Little Black Jesus."

Helena, Ark., Special.

Several disreputable women were out on a lark not long since; they entered a saloon and called for drinks. Two white fellows, told one Mary Williams, that if she would drink seven glasses of whiskey he would pay for them. She drank the seven glasses and he paid for them. The other fellow told Daisy Robinson, who was already drunk, that he would pay for all the whiskey that she could drink. She drank ten full glasses and would have drunk more had she not been interfered with. A few minutes later she walked outside of the saloon and sat down; some one on finding her, took her and put her to bed; and in five hours she was dead. Esquire A. D. Herron, in lieu of Coroner Crawford held an inquest with the following verdict: "Chilled to death from being in a room without fire."

Don't send your cuffs and collars to Memphis; Mrs. James Greer has a recipe, that cost her a good deal, to polish shirt fronts, cuffs and collars. She also has the right of two counties

Miss Maria Miller, a midwife went out on duty in the city several days ago, leaving her home in the care of the children; relatives of hers, among them was little Birdie Oliver, an orphan child about twelve years of age, whom she was rearing. It was reported that little Birdie had "skipped" and was making her way to Mississippi. She and two large policemen searched and succeeded in finding her near the L. N. O. & T. transfer. The officers took her with her wallet and instigated a search for $25.00 which had been reported as stolen from Mark Latting. When found, however, it was only the small sum of $4.00 and a few cents for this she was dragged up before Magistrate Tappan, who told her to go and come back Monday morning, but on Sunday Mr. Wm. Nance, a friend of the Olivers, took her back to her uncle. The child recited a pitiful story of hard work and brutal treatment inflicted by the children (nearly grown) of the woman with whom she had made her home, and preferred any punishment to being compelled to return, D. B. Barrow has been seriously ill for several days Frank Epps and family are preparing to go to Illinois soon. Rev. J. W. Whiteside is holding a protracted effort. A white man who contracted with the grand parents of the "Little Black Jesus" for two years, is making his way to Chicago to exhibit during the World's Fair. A white man took possession of Blind Tom and his parents had to sue for bread- It does seem strange how a white man can always get in possession of all black genius and make fortunes for themselves, when we have equally competent and trusty men. T. D. Wilson has the spacious residence of Frank Epps'. The Columbia press used in the Progress office broke partially through the Second floor. The paper is now being printed at the World office (white.) Miss Mattie L. Tweed, was in the city from Southland College, visiting brothers and sisters. Every nationality clings to itself except the black race. Why not we have a wholesale grocery and a number of retail groceries in our midst? If you are not envious you will lend us your patronage. Rev. I, G. Freeman, has been on a trip to Forrest City. Dr. P. W. Clarke, of Spring Creek, Ark., who graduated from the Meharry College on the 7 inst, will probably locate in this city. Mr. J. H. Washington has opened a three chair shop on Rightor street, Mr. Washington is a worthy young man and should have the support of the race. Mr. John Drew has opened a barber shop in the Mengoz Block on Cherry street. He asks and should receive a liberal portion of the patronage of the city. Rev. E. Brown, presiding elder, held quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church last Sabbath. His sermons morning and evening abounded in rich thought and noble speech. At the quarterly conference Mr. Wm. C. Coe was elected to represent the church in the district conference to be held at Holly Grove, March 2, 1893.

"There has been a gang of Negroes at Clarendon who have been in the habit of breaking open cars and stealing from the Midland and Cotton Belt railroads. A week ago last Sunday night a lot of flour was stolen out of a car standing on the Midland track. Maj. J. J. Horner put Gilbert Baker at work on the case, and a day or two ago he traced up the guilty parties, arrested them, recovered the stolen flour, and succeeded in getting a confession from the entire lot, and they are now in jail awaiting the next term of court. At the last term of the Monroe county court the Midland Company had three men sent to the penitentiary for robbing cars at Holly Grove. There has been considerable small pilfering all along the line, and the management of the read are determined to break it up and punish the offenders. When those parties do fall into the hands of the road, they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."—Daily World.

The above from a white newspaper published in this city is self-explanatory. Mr. Baker, the officer mentioned, has been in the business many years and has brought hundreds of criminals to justice. He is a colored man, and a detective of whom the Negro race may well be proud.

The Progress is offering a gold headed cane to the most popular minister in Phillips county. Dawson Division Uniformed Rank Knights of Phythias, contemplate giving a "phantom drill" very soon. This drill is a novelty. The Freeman was in error last week in saying H. L. Lee took DeSoto Lodge's charter. We understand the lodge will settle the matter satisfactorily to the District Master.

PRIZE MASQUERADE.

The Winners—The Prizes—Church, Society and Personal Mention.

Evanston, Ill., Special.

An interesting revival is being conducted at the A. M. E. church by Rev. N. N. Pharris, of Lake Forest, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. B. Dawson, who has been sick the past week. N. D. White left last Tuesday night for a six week's trip to California. Mrs. Grace Abney has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., to join her husband, who has gone there to take advantage of the curative powers of that celebrated resort. A Masquerade ball was given at Lyon's Hall on Friday last by the Newby dancing class, and a delightful time was enjoyed. Prizes were given for the most comically dressed ladies and gentlemen. Mrs. Mary Glaze received first prize, as the finest dressed lady, and Miss Hattie Johnston as the most comically dressed; Boyce Johnson and Mr. Miller, of the Avenue House, first and second respectively. The judges were Messrs. Frank Morris, T. W. Prather, J Brown, D. Long and The Freeman representative. Among those who came from Chicago were Mrs. Hattie Jackson, Misses Grace Dover and Nellie Young, and Messrs. Geo. Hart and Chas. Morris. Mrs. L. A. Owen and Mrs. Abner Hall, who have been sick in bed, are able to be up again Mrs. Etta Young, who has been sick, is improving, as is also Mr. and Mrs. Twiggs. Miss Mary Taylor, of Detroit, is visiting her sister, Mrs. N D. White, and her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Taylor. Mrs. Mary Butler spent most of last week in Chicago, visiting Mrs. Ludie Hunster, of Armour avenue. Geo. Hackley has sold his property and will move to the State of Washington. Mrs. N. N. Pharris, of Lake Forest, is visiting friends in Evanston. A quiet wedding is soon to take place in Evanston, if it has not already occurred. Young ladies in the neighborhood of Lake street, don't have so many strings to your bow, or so many bows to your fiddle: for, as you can't use them all at one time, there may come a time when you will have trouble in the camp. Remember that three is a crowd and more is a mob. I don't want to have to write any one's funeral. All persons wishing to subscribe for The Freeman can be accomodated by leaving their names and money at 510 Greenwood Boulevard. Now is the time to subscribe.

Washington's Birthday Entertainment.

Carthage, Mo., Special.

Quarterly meeting at the M. E. church Feb. 12th. Rev. D.S. Topp is in town for a short while. G. W. Patterson is sick. The traveling concert has returned. John Scott reports that they cleared $25.00. W. S. Blake has been holding a series of meetings at Granby with great success. He will hold his next meeeing at Springfield, Mo. Thomas Hogans is in Joplin, Mo. Mrs. Mary Blow will make St. Louis her future home. The Lincoln schools will give an entertainment Feb. 22nd. R. A. Byrd of Ashland O, will spend the summer in Chicago. Miss V. P. Sydnor, of Troy, Mo., will go to St. Louis. W. L. Blake, of Petersburg, Tenn., is thinking of spending the summer about Fayetteville, Tenn., near his home. The laborers of this section cannot find work enough to do to support their families. The cold weather is interfering with the school attendance. Mrs. Lizzie Crawford, Mrs. Minnie Gibson and Mrs. Emma Grammer visited the schools a few days ago. Mrs. Lizzie Crawford addressed the school. We invite the public out on the 22nd. A program will be rendered and refreshments served.

Trenton, N. J.

We have just witnessed the greatest flood ever known in the State of New Jersey. The water arose about six inches in fifteen minutes and has done much damage. About twenty-one different colored companies held a convention here last week. Professor Jacks who has spent the winter here will spend the summer on the sea shore. also, the silver toned baritone singer, J. Gardner, will accompany him. The Capital Club will give a grand social on the 20th of this month. Bethel Mission will give a fair of ten days duration, beginning February 22nd. The pioneer corps, under the leadership of R. Grandison, is very popular. It cares for the sick and burries the dead.

SOUTHERN OUTRAGES.

No Perceptible Falling Off in in their Number or

Southern Sires Continue to Teach Their Youth Bloody Tactics—A Longer List Might be Furnished.

Savannah, Ga., furnishes a most flagrant case of inhuman treatment by three burly policemen on a defenseless colored woman about two weeks ago. The woman in question was arrested for some cause and brought to the alarm station to await the coming of the red Maria and was guarded by two policemen. Notably with females, she weakly resisted being placed in the wagon and they picked her up and threw her in like a hog, catching hold of her legs, pulled her around causing the dishevelment of her dress, to their shame, and shackled her. While one of the officers was bending over, being excited she threw her hand up catching his watch chain which was broken in two. This so enraged the guardian (?) of the peace that he pulled out his club and deliberately with a vile epithet, struck the poor woman in the head several times, inflicting serious wounds, this too after the woman was shackled and lying down. The woman uttered such heartrending cries that they could have been heard blocks away.

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At Columbia, La., recently Tandy Gilmore, an aged Negro blacksmith, was taken out by a band of white regulators, and whipped to death, just for fun.

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A jury in Dallas, Tex., has acquitted W. E. Murff, a white man, for killing Nathan Greer, a well respected colored man, two years ago. The killing was without cause or provocation.

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Jas. Fisher, a colored hand on the Peru plantation, Washington, Miss., was shot and killed on Jan. 7th by S. G. Harvey. the manager. The two men had had a quarrel some time previous, which resulted as usual, in the "killing of the Negro."

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On the Huma plantation, Ascension Parish, La., Thomas Nettles, a colored man, was shot and killed by James P. Armitage, the clerk of the plantation. Armitage attempted to boot the Negro around, and because he stood on his manhood, and protested for his rights, he was murdered.

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A Negro named Pick was lynched near Plant City in Hillsboro county, Fla., February 10th. The town marshal had him under arrest, and was going to Plant City with him, for the purpose of placing him in jail there, when a mob met the officer and took the prisoner from him.

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A 13-year-old Negro boy was hanged by a mob last Saturday, a short distance from Ouachita, La. He was harged with waylaying and discharging a load of buckshot full in the face of one William Wheeler, who was seriously wounded, while riding on the public road in company with another party. The boy with tears in his eyes, confessed his crime but said he had shot Wheeler through mistake.

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At Keyser, N. C., a colored man named Bob Ray, was suspected of a murder and attempted robbery committed on the night of Dec. 1, and a posse of men, with dogs, ropes axes, guns and pistols, set out to capture "the fugitive." They came upon him and brought him to the ground with a volly from their guns, Suspicion was both judge and jury and of course the Negro was guilty, and on those grounds, was ushered into eternity.

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At Magnolia, Miss., two Negro boys—Frank Harrell and Cornelius Felder—who confessed to having robbed and burned Lee Robinson's store at Dickey, Amite county, Sunday night, were hanged by a mob of angry citizens last night, Feb. 9th, a few hundred yards from where the crime was committed. The confession of the boys implicated five other Negroes, who were promptly arrested and would have been hanged also, if they had not been rescued by a sheriff's posse and carried to the county jail at Liberty.

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Last week near Greenfield, Tenn., the house of James Flippin was visited by White Caps. They attacked the house in the still hours of night and began shooting and while Flippin was trying to defend and protect his family he was shot through the neck. They also beat Flippin's step son nearly to death. Flippin is now in Cairo. He has a fine farm there, planted in strawberries, which he is prohibited from going back to look after. His wife and children are obliged to stay away from their home. The White Caps also attempted to take a watch from Flippin's step son, and remarked that it was "too fine for a nigger to carry."

Evansville, Ind.

The Evansville C. C. C. club gave its first annual banquet Feb. 2nd., at Armory Hall, corner First and Main streets, which was a grand success. John Catlett, president; Jessie Clay, vice-president; Ernest Mumford, secretary; Tom Andress, treasurer; Lawson Hill, chairman.

WOMAN'S WORLD.

Instructive and Interesting Items of News

Gleaned from Philosophers' Puns and Press Comments Pertaining to Women.

A race, no less than a nation, is prosperous in proportion to the intelligence of its women.

O, sometimes gleams upon our sight,
Through present wrong, the eternal Right.
And step by step, since time began,
We see the steady gain of man.

That all of good the past hath had,
Remains to make our own time glad,
Our common, daily life divine,
And every land a Palestine.

Through the harsh noises of our day
A low, sweet prelude finds its way;
Through clouds of doubt and creeds of fear,
A light is breaking calm and clear.

Henceforth my heart shall sigh no more
For golden time and holier store;
God's love and blessing then and there,
Are now and here and every.

J. G. WHITTIER.

Chicago has a physician Mrs. Dr. Carrie Golden.

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Miss Cathern Head, of Americus, is the wealthiest Afro-American in the state of Georgia,

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Miss Georgia L. Patton, the only lady graduate from the Meharry medical department, will sail for Africa soon.

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Dr. Alice R. Woodby, of Augusta, Ga., and Dr. Cornelius McKane, of Savannah, were married at the former city Feb. 2nd.

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Francis E. W. Harper, temperance lecturer, is in North Carolina. She addressed the students of Shaw University recently.

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Guajira Indians have roasted alive three traders who were caught stealing young Indian girls for the purpose of selling them into slavery at Maracaibo, Venezuela.

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To shrink new flannel before making it up soak it in hard, cold water and hang it up to drain and dry without any squeezing or handling.

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Mrs. Addison Foster, of Philadelphia, Pa., will managed the undertaking business, formerly owned and managed by her husband, recently deceased.

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Miss Fannie Hicks, artist and teacher of drawing in the University, at Louisville, has applied for space at the World's Fair, in which to exhibit work of the pupils of the University.

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A German philosopher has asserted that physiologically woman was more musically constituted than man, and that the lack of opportunity and means of developing her power had stifled the germs of genius in many women.

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Houston, Tex., offers a good opening for a lady teacher proficient in instrumental music. A class of fifteen or twenty can be secured. Address Prof. H. C. Bell, principal of colored school, who will give all necessary information,

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There are 6,105 women employed in department work in Washington as against 17,036 males. Of these employees about 10,000 come under the civil service rules. In 25 years women have captured 25 per cent. of the government positions.

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"A child's caretaker should be a child lover, and who loves a child like his mother? I long to say to every mother I know: 'Stay with your babies if you possibly can until they are big enough to know what is going on about them. Let maids wait upon and assist you in supplying their needs, but let no nurse have a chance to do them ignorant and life lasting harm.'" —Her Point of View in N. York Times.

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Few people realize how much depends on the water for making good tea, for if it is hard it will spoil the most expensive tea. It can be improved by adding half the quantity of rainwater (filtered, of course) or a tiny pinch of bicarbonate of soda. The water should be freshly drawn and boiled quickly, using it at once. Allow one teaspoonful of tea to each person and infuse the tea seven minutes. It will then be wholesome to drink.

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Mothers, if you desire your little son or daughters to be popular with the adult guests who visit your house, do not let them swoop down upon your friends directly after they enter your house and continue to be in evidence during the entire period of their stay. It may sound cruel and unkind, but it will pay in the end, for, no matter how kind hearted a man or gushing a woman may be, they will very soon tire of a course of infantile conversation, attention and pastimes, and in order to keep your friends you must let them see the children only at such rare intervals that they will learn to appreciate their society.—Philadelphia Times.

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There lives near Columbia, S. C., a woman who for more than the third of a century has carried a live snake under the skin of her arm. How the reptile first found lodgment in its queer situation is as much of a puzzle to the old lady as it is to the hundreds who have visited her for the purpose of viewing the long welt where the unwelcome creature lies encysted. When the lady first noticed the bow shaped ridge on her arm it was of about the diameter of a pin, and less than two inches in length. During the many years that it has safely nestled in her flesh it has grown from a mere thread to a snake a foot long and as large as a lead pencil. The eyes of the creature are plainly visible through the skin, and the scales can be felt by rubbing the finger along the welt formed by its body.—Philadelphia Press.

SCORED BY HON. E. P. McCABE.

A Freeman Correspondent Who Had Said Uncomplimentary Things of Oklahoma. Strong Defense.

Editor Indianapolis Freeman.

SIR:—Your week before last issue contained a communication from one of your special's purporting to be dictated at Mc Minnville, Tenn., in which he essays to lecture those who have been engaged in induceing people of our race to leave the pest ridden sections of the South land, "the shoe fits" me, on she goes and unlike him, I boldly sign my name. I take it that your journal occupying the position it does, would hardly permit correspondents to enjoy your "Carte blanche" to express themselves, and in turn, bar others from replying.

I shall state first that this fellow knew, or knows nothing of the subject he has selected to write upon, after charging some one with writing dazzling accounts touching this territory with a view to induceing ignorant men and women of our race to migrate hither he says:

"As we read, we hoped it might be, that Oklahoma would develop a state where Negro citizenship might be practical. When the Oklahoma mania first struck us we thought it a land that flowed with milk and honey."

And so it might have been such a land if the class of Negro's who claim leadership were possessed with as much foresight as a "last years hen's nest." Had they have brought to bear their power's of persuasion upon the men who are able to embrace the opportunities here offered, and which the tax ridden and generally poorest of the poor white men, from every state in this Union snatches at, and ever have since the settlement of the State of Illinois, and every other western State, this same Oklahoma might to-day be for the black man indeed what it is for the white, "the land flowing with milk and honey." But alas! the colored brother differs from his white neighbor in lacking the qualities possessed by a pioneer, all that the Negro generally wants is to know that the white man has gone before and opened up the country, built towns and cities, and performed all the hard and laborious duties incident to such, then he is willing to follow to take the place among men, he himself practically carves out, to wit, the common servant. I stated above that the reference hit me. Some two and a half years ago I came to this country with the hope of being able to show my people that here was an opportunity to test ther ability to cope with the white man in making a city, a county, a state, that I have failed in bringing all my anticipations to full freuition, grows out of the fact that just such men or women, I know not which, as your special, have stood with pen or knife in hand to stab my or anyone else's efforts, rather than lend us a helping hand.

A glance at the map will disclose the fact that when the Indian Territory and the Cherokee strip are opened for settlement, that the day for the home seeker upon the public domain is no more, be he white or black. I had hoped that there were brave and bold enough men and women among our people in the South, who when properly advised, would realize that this would not only be their first, but their last as well, chance, at secureing a quarter section of good fertile land for the taking. Fearing lest some "smart alex" would think it a scheme to delude the Negro I fortified myself with the following admonition:

COME PREPARED OR NOT AT ALL.

"The colored people who are contemplating Oklahoma as their future home, must come with sufficient money to take care of themselves and families until they raise a crop or get into business for which they are adapted. We here again admonish our people to be on their guard and not to be seduced into the idea that the general government is going to take care of you after you get here, or that they can or will assist you in the matter of paying your railroad fare. We especially invite people of our race who have some means to come; we warn those who have nothing, that, this being a new country, peopled by strangers, with no ready employment, and everybody husbanding what little cash and effects he or she may have until conditions change, that they will surely suffer by the change. So come prepared to care for yourself and family by all means, and you will make no mistake; if you come peniless you must expect to get it rough, as you ought to do.—Langston City Herald,

And which appeared weekly in five thousand copies of the Langston Herald, to say nothing of the innumerable personal letters I wrote to thousands covering the same ground, I submit that now at this late date, if any considerable number of my race are being deluded into coming here in the face of the above that they are deserving, and ought to be fooled out of existence. Your special says further:

"For several years every train westward bound has been loaded with Negroes from every Southern town on their way to Oklahoma. Now the census has been enumerated and only three thousand Negroes reported.

As an evidence of his ignorance I submit the enumeration of the census and in doing so, will state that if 120,000 white people could be deluded into this land of starvation that 10 per cent. or about 13,000 Negro's had no kick to come.

Counties.	Population. 1890.	1892.
Canadian,	7,703	15,500
Cleveland,	7,011	14,000
Logan.	14.254	22.000
Payne,	6.835	13,000
Oklahoma,	12,794	21,000
Kingfisher,	8,837	16,500
Total.	60 416	133,100

REPORT OF THE GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA 1892.

"The population of Oklahoma, as herein enumerated, is approximated as follows: Eighty-five per cent white, 10 per cent colored, and 5 per cent Indians. About 5 per cent of the whites are foreign born. Nearly every State and Territory in the Union is represented in Oklahoma, but the great majority of our white population is from the adjoining States. As a class our people are intelligent, law-abiding, industrious, enterprising and thrifty."

Your able and intelligent correspondent goes on to impart this bit of information.

"The last election there went Democratic."

To that I will say he deliberately lied, as the Republican party carried this Territory by 2,700 majority at the last election, electing the Hon. D. T. Flynn to Congress, and carried all the large cities and counties handsomely. He quotes from The Freeman as follows:

"The Freeman of January 14th, tells of a crowd of Negro emigrants at Dennison, Tex., saying the "best land has been taken by the whites and Oklahoma is no place for poor Negroes."

Of course, this last statement is true, since the lands opened to date amount to about two million acres, while there is yet to open fifteen million acres, hence your special's statement that all the best lands are taken appears strained to say the least.

Now in this, Logan County, we have succeeded in placing upon 160 acre tracts each, some twelve hundred heads of families, the valuation of which the government price was $1.50 per acre, 192,000 acres in one county alone, which can be readily sold to-day for $5 per acre, nearly $1,000,000 in actual valuation. Can your correspondent show any county in Tennessee that the colored people has acquired an equal amount of property in a twelve month, to say nothing of the thousands of dollars worth of town lots owned by the same people. There is a class of men who sit upon the stool of idleness and chide some one else for not doing what this class fear themselves to undertake. Now comes another misstatement:

"The Nashville Banner recently gave accounts of a Negro being mobbed in Guthrie."

Nothing was ever uttered so foreign from the truth than this. I do not care to push you too far for space but trust you will give us as fair treatment as you have the other fellow. More annon. Yours

E. P. McCABE.

Fordyce, Ark.

Quarterly meeting was held here Feb. 4th and 5th, Rev. Cyrus Berry presiding. Sixty-six communed. One hundred and ten dollars were raised for this Quarter. District Conference will be held here in April. Brother A. D. Thomas was elected Steward to attend the Conference. Messrs. A. Smith & Jones are selling goods cheap. E. T. J. Brewer & Woodard have divided stock. Mrs. Winnie Toliver, the wife of Rev. S. A. Toliver, is visiting his work at Edingburg, Ark. Rev, G. A. Henry was home last week to see his family, The Union High School will open soon, with Rev. McCravy principal, Prof. J. W. Ricks will commence teaching at the A. M. E. Church on the 20th inst. Free will offering on the 18th, 19th and 20th at the A. M. E. church. Miss Bessie Stone came up from Shorter Institute Friday to visit her friends. There was baptising and a grand rally last Sunday.

Guthrie, Okla.

Fifteen colored families left here for Oklahoma City. D. J. Wallace is the only colored man in the Oklahoma legislature, and is also business manager of the Langston City Herald. Langston City is the only town owned and controlled by colored people. It is situated 15 miles northeast of Guthrie, in Logan county, and has a population of 700.

PECULIAR HINDRANCES.

Obstacles and Discouraging Environments Attending

The Labor of Race Elevation—Material Versus Sentimental Opposition, by Cæsar A. A. Taylor.

Of all leaders of men, and especially is relates to the Negro Clergy, there are none who have a more difficult task enjoined upon them, from the fact that they have a curiously diverse people to cater for.

This is a crucial age with Negro Leaders from the evident fact that that race is passing through a transition period, and because of widely differing degrees of intelligence, and varied taste represented among them by a highly cultured, refined and intelligent class, and another unfortunate class, yet in the cruel fate—imposed bonds of a past iniquity, wrapt in dense ignorance with all its woefully direful concomitants.

The Negro preacher, to the end of success, is under great necessity to tax his mental powers and adapt his manner and delivery in a way acceptable to all classes, and thus at once, interest the man of ideas, and entertain the thoughtless, fanatical and unlettered, who compose the congregation of the church where he preaches; in a word, the Negro preacher, no less than the Negro leader, otherwise, who hopes to successfully lead and at the same time properly benefit the race, must become a student of human nature; he must not only learn to read and know those whom he would lead, but must know how to prescribe to their prejudices, whims, caprices and genral taste, in a manner at once the most acceptable and withal beneficial, as will be seen in resultant good, and general improvement in the morals and manners of the people.

This is the task of the Negro leader through the church and elsewhere, not an easy task, to be sure, but necessary if our race would be redeemed and advanced, as they shall be. Yes, I say and emphasize it, they shall be, notwithstanding the legion like environments which hinder.

Even as the seed must conquer the soil, germinate and develop, or the earth will conquer the seed, and it dies to give fertility, i. e. life to the soil for other growths; so must the Negro who would lead, conquer his enviornments, or conquored by them and die, that is give way to others with conquering elements, and thus more fitted to lead.

The battle is on, and the conflict is irrepressible, yea, the race shall rise Pheonix-like from the womb of oppression, and come forth out of ignorance to glory and renown through the irrepressible capabilities ot brave men and dauntless women, born to lead heroic men and women endowed of God, shall with Ajax strength, and lion voiced, tread the rostrum, crowd the forum, and shake the world, demanding and compelling justice until right prevails through might; if needs be, to earth's remotest bounds.

Another and important fact to consider is: that the opposition to the Negroes at the North is material, while the opposition to them at the South is sentimental, as will be seen in that they are given every opportunity at the South to advance materially, while at the North such is not the case. At the South the Negroes are permitted to learn and work at every trade or profession, while at the North, they are openly debarred and otherwise restricted from learning a trade, or earning a livelihood in the shops, factories, and mills, where articles used in every industry are made.

At the South white people may not furnish Negroes accomodations at public places of amusement, on public carriers, in public hostleries. etc., as they may be willing to pay for. While I admit that such is the reverse at the North, I must also conclude that it is more to the Negroes advantage that they be permitted to earn wealth at the South than to be offered priv leges at the North, where they are not permitted to earn the money necessary to pay for them.

At the South where the Negroes are not excluded from the trades and professions, they will in time be thus enabled as they are already doing, to supply their own places of amusements, public carriers, hostleries etc., and in proportion as they do this, accumulate wealth, and become more intelligent, the opposition of sentiment, as prevails at the south, will go down before them, while a bitter and malignant material opposition now being protracted at the North, will stand as a gigantic difference, making the Negro less desireous to co operate with the white toilers for higher wages, shorter hours, and the general improvement of their (the white toilers) condition as wage earners.

Skilled Negro workmen from the South are already crowding the white workmen at the North, and I regret that the conduct of white workmen at the North, has not been such as to impress the Negroes with their sincerity to do sqare by them, should they, the Negroes, join labor Unions and co-operate with white men, to secure what

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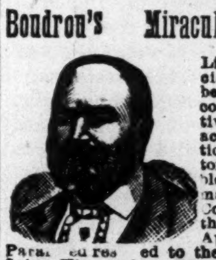

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RACE GLEANINGS.

Pugsley Bro, sang at Wilkes Barre, Pa. Feb. 18 20.

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Georgia Afro-Americans will organize a State Fair Association.

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Johnson and Malone, of Jackson, Ga, is the only Negro law firm in the state.

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Georgia is the first state in the Union to organize a Negro Press Association.

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Mr. Frank Cooper, of Muchakinock is the only registered pharmacist in Iowa.

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The largest grocery store in Chicago is operated by a colored man, S. A. Wilson.

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Eugene Cooper, of Memphis, Tenn., got 41 years for house-breaking and attempted arson.

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E. D. Powell, of Mineola, Tex., owns a large brickyard and other valuable property in that place.

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Springfield, Mo., is excited over the fact that a number of Drury college boys dined with a Negro preacher.

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The twenty-third Legislature of Texas has only one Negro member, Hon. N. H. Waller of Matagorda county.

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Allen Dickson, a wealthy white man of Wilkes Barre, Pa., bequeathed Frederick Stevens, his colored coachman, $500.

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Baltimore has an Afro-American population of 80,000, also between 8,000 and 9,000 Afro-American children in the public schools.

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The First Batallion Georgia Volunteers (col.) are making arrangements to erect an armory, which will be one of the finest in the state.

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There are nearly 1,200 Pullman car porters, railway train porters and chair car men centering at St. Louis. Over half this number are in the Pullman service.

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Messrs. Armstead Robinson and A. H. Lee, two democratic colored men, were given lucrative employment under the sergeant at arms of the Missouri Legislature.

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During the recent cold spell Messrs. Wm. Porter and A. Froman, of Memphis, Tenn., opened a soup house, where they fed gratis, hundreds of poor people, white and colored.

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Mrs. Stephen James, Emma James, aged eleven, Arthur James, aged seven and Joe Mitchell, aged six, were burned to death at Kansas City, Feb. 7. Fire destroyed the little cabin of Stephen James, at No. 1210 West Eighth street.

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Mr. Owen H. Walla, graduate of New York Theological school and and late a deacon and assistant rector ot St. Phillips Episcopal church, New York, was ordained a priest at Philadelphia by Bishop Potter of New York, last Sunday.

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Dr. H. J. Brown read an able paper before the Monumental Literary Society at Baltimore last week embodying logical objection to the "New race word" E. J. Waring, the prominent lawyer of that city, will reply to his objection in a few weeks.

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Through the efforts of the Citizen's Committee of Louisiana the highest tribunal in this land will determine whether the citizen's right on railroad or public transportation lines can be curtailed on account of race or color; whether the constitutional guarantees of equal right, equal privilege and equal opportunity to all citizens are a snare and a delusion or a reality.

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The total number of acres of land in Virginia is 26,155,000, of which the colored people own 719 456. The total value of land, town lots and buildings of Virginia is $300,717 366, of which colored people own $9 415 085. The colored people pay $57,687 05 taxes on real estate, for government and schools. They pay on personal property for schools and government, $13,512 46. They pay in capitation taxes, $119,871. Total taxes paid by the colored people of Virginia, in 1891, was $171.114 15, and that of the whites, $1,816,134 63.

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At St. Philip's P. E. Church, New York, on Tuesday noon, Jan. 31st, the Rev. Owen M. Waller, and Miss Lillian M. Ray were married with imposing ceremony. Mr. Waller is a graduate of the General Episcopal Seminary of New York. The bride is the only daughter of Dr. Peter W. Ray, of Brooklyn. The ceremony was performed by Father Benson, of Boston, a member of the Order of St. John, the Evangelist, an English High Church order. The service was chanted throughout and the surpliced choir chanted the responses. The Rev. Hutchins C. Bishop, rector of the church, in full eucharistic vestments, celebrated the nuptial mass. Miss Ray entered the church on the arm of her father. She wore a light gray close-fitting traveling dress and a gray hat trimmed with black. Miss Emily Ray was maid of honor. The groom was attended by his brother, Berkley Waller The ushers were F. P. Downing, Charles S. Day, L. A. Gray and William A. White. After receiving the congratulations of their friends, the pair left at 2 o'clock for Philadelphia, where the Rev. Mr. Waller will enter immediately upon his work as rector of St. Thomas' church, to which he recently accepted a call,

PRAISES FROM THE OTHER RACE.

A White Man's Opinion of The Freeman—Good Advice.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I read The Freeman with interest. It has the ring of the true coin. It is wide-awake, independent and outspoken. Keep the character of it high for moral principle, for purity and for dignity, and it will be a power for good and will teach by example, as well as by precept. The Freeman is a credit to you and your people and is well calculated to encourage, elevate and inspire your race in their mighty struggle for place and position in the land of their nativity. The progress of the race since emancipation is truly wonderful, and your paper is a living and forcible illustration of that progress. Its illustrations, its general make-up, and especially its editorial ability, bear witness to the patient struggle and persevering effort for improvement, and does you credit. When I read of the shameful wrongs visited upon your race in the South, I feel an impulsive desire to have the strong hand of the nation visit deserved and dire punishment upon whole communities that tolerate them; but doubtless this would only make matters worse and stir up sectional strife. The remedy lies mainly with your own people. Education, moral elevation, industry, thrift and perseverance in well doing will surely produce an effect, and are the forces that will bring about good fellowship, community of interests and finally social and legal equality. Let patience have her perfect work. It is not in human nature to step at a single stride from a condition of master and slave to one of perfect freedom and equality,—it is a work of time, of patient labor and persistence in right doing. Let the race rise to the practice of the christian virtues and the elements before mentioned, and the rest will come in good time. Even base human nature cannot long oppose and abuse those who carry out in all their acts a truly christian spirit. Go on with your good work with a brave heart and a steady hand, and you will do good.

BROWN THURSTON,
Feb. 1st, 1893. Portland, Me.

Fulton, Ky.

Mr. White, owner of a factory that employed many colored hands, died February 4th. He was a regular subscriber of The Freeman, and a great many of his hands takes the paper every Saturday. His colored laborers are at a loss to be without him, they say we may get as good a man, but it is impossible to get a better man. They will take him to New York Tuesday, the 7th, to be burried. Some of the hands want to go to New York to attend the funeral. Knowing that he was not well, we went out to look for him and found him in the yard almost dead, he lived until they got him in the house, but died before they could do anything for him. We are having a great deal of sickness and many deaths here.

Decatur, Ills.

Nellie S. Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Robinson, died February 2nd., with consumption. Mrs. Young is visiting Danville Mrs. Ida Johnston is confined to her bed with an abcess on the eye. Antioch Baptist church will give a concert on Friday, February 17th, at Abbot Hall. The A. M. E. church is holding revival meetings.

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they strive in vain to secure without the Negroes co-operation.

It must be admitted that laborers, of equal skill, and of eaqual merit can not afford to be divided into hostile camps under no circumstanse; if so, the side which has the most to lose must suffer by competition, while the weaker side grows stronger.

Such is the case with the Negro, and the white man, and even the utter enslavement of the Negro, would, as it has done, only aggravate the case of every white man, woman, boy or girl, who earn by toil, their bread.

With the illustrious Douglass of "Anacostia," I say: "We has been wid you, we still is wid you, and will be wid you to the end." So you had jes as will quit your foolishness.

Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida

GENERAL CLARKSON SPEAKS.

Concerning President Harrison's Appointing Judge Jackson to the Supreme Bench of the United States.

"The life of a Republican in the South has had no protection, in fact, while the Negro race has been left to a treatment of cruelty and wrong never surpassed in the atrocities of a barbarous and canibal people. No court in any State in the South any longer, in fact, or scarcely even in pretense, affords the least protection to the Negro from killing by the mob. It long ago became unnecessary, since any charge against him in the court, whether with or without proof, is always enough to insure imprisonment, if not death.

"Such license in perpetuating wrong and cruelty upon a helpless people, not checked by local sentiment or restrained by national law, has run its mad course until during the last two years, not only hundreds of Negroes have been lynched, but several have been burned at the stake and tortured with every sort of cruelty while dying in the fire. This new course in cruelty the South invented in these later years when the Republican administration has plainly relaxed its purpose to install the Negro in every public right and has conceded to the Southern sentiment that, while all should be allowed to vote, no one, black or white, should, if ignorant or unworthy, be placed in office or power over any people North or South.

PACIFIC METHODS USELESS.

"The very act of the North in thus moderating its feelings after the war, and in counseling the Negroes first to qualify themselves for citizenship, and to seek only such places as they are qualified to fill, and the action of patient Negroes themselves in conforming to this position, instead of making more gentle and humane the treatment of the Negroes in the South seemed to intensify and multiply the wrongs and cruelties on their defenceless heads.

"The South has taken sympathy as a license for it to stain the history of America with repeated atrocities on Negroes, guilty and innocent alike, for whom their courts afforded means of punishment, quick, ample and sure."

A Donkey Party.

Gretna, La., Special.

About 3 o'clock one night last week the people of East Gretna were aroused by the alarm of fire in the home of Joseph Barnes. Before any one could come to their relief, they lost everything and were left to the mercy of their neighbors for shelter. Their property was valued at $1,000. They will build again soon. Spencer Russell has been suffering with sore eyes. Benjamin Badger and Miss Emlie Flood were married Feb. 2nd, '93. The bridesmaid was Miss Gisteen Thornton; groomsman, Aaron Zohnson. Rev. P. Wiley officiated. The Annual Conference is over and the Bayanton M. E. Church has Rev. D H. Butler as their pastor this year. He preached his introductory sermon last Sunday to a crowded house, being accompanied by Revs. D. C. Cobb and Ingram. They realized a handsome sum to assist the pastor in getting his family here. Rev. D. C. Cobb had a grand tribe and rally meeting Sunday. Three tribes: Rev. E. Coleman, of 2 R. B C., represented the tribe of Benjamin; Rev. Craig, of Alabama, represented the tribe of Joseph, and Revs. P. Wiley and D. H. Butler, the tribe of Levi. Each pastor brought their congregations, which swelled the crowd to a large number. They realized $22.40, He is to also have a silver dollar day on the third Sunday, and basket dinner. This will also go for the re-modeling of the church. Mrs. Lumbard is to give a Donkey party for the M. E. Church on Saturday night.

Waco, Texas.

Moses Masters, a colored farmer who resides near the rock dam at the old bull quarters on the Gurley land in Falls Co., came to Waco and sold his cotton and got a check for one hundred dollars on the First National Bank. After he drew the money he was accosted by a colored man who invited him to go to see two orphan children that had been left on his hands. In this way Mr. Masters was decoyed to the rear of the bank where another colored man approached and covered him with a six-shooter while the first robbed him of his cash. He reported the case to the officers and gave a description of the men upon which the case is being worked.

THE FREEMAN HOTEL DIRECTORY

The purpose of this column is to keep the traveling public informed of the whereabouts of first-class stopping places in the different cities where Afro-Americans can be accommodated. It is mutually beneficial to the public as well as to the keepers of hotels and boarding houses. THE FREEMAN aims to place none but first-class places in this Directory and feels free to recommend them to its 100,000 readers. Send us your card. Send for our prices.

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City Paragraphs.

Mr. Gabriel Jones is improving.

Mr. Geo. Brown, of 34 Mcguffin street is ill.

Flora Batson, Monday evening, Allen Chapel.

Della English, aged six years, died February 11th.

Isaac P. Johnson is now on The Freeman force.

Mr. Joseph Harris, of Springfield, Ohio, is in the city.

Mrs. H. W. Worthington, of 74 Hill Ave., is very ill.

Peter Wells, Sr., passed his 81st birthday last Wednesday.

The prize spelling match will take place at Simpson Chapel, March 13th.

Mr. Howard White, formerly of this city, is engaged in business in Chicago.

Mr. William Tucker lost his infant son, William Hirley Tucker, February 6th.

Quarterly meeting to-morrow at Blackford street church. Rev. Mr. Chambers pastor.

Rev. Jessie Bass, presiding elder of the Southern Indiana Conference, is in the city.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Summer Furnis is recovering from his recent illness,

Mr. Gabriel Jones who has been quite sick for a number of weeks is slowly convalescing.

Miss Walker, the well known songstress o Cleveland, Ohio, will appear again in our city soon.

Mr. Alonzo Strange is the traveling salesman of R. B. Jarusalem, 70 and 72 Massachusetts avenue,

The Phillis Wheatly Circle held its regular meeting Monday night, adding several new members.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Grigsby celebrated their one year anniversary at their home on Alvoid street, February 14.

With Flora Batson is Wm. I. Powell, the celebrated baritone; both at Allen Chapel Monday and Tuesday evening.

The report that Miss Clara Watkins fell and broke her arm is a mistake, it was the mother of the Misses Watkins.

Next Monday and Tuesday nights. February 20th and 21st, Flora Batson, the peerless queen of song, at Allen Chapel.

Mr Silas Fisher, formerly of Indianapolis, now of Chicago, is running an eight chair barber shop, 498 South State street.

Mrs. Daniel Shinall died February 6th. The funeral took place at Antioch church February 9th. Rev. James Morton, officiated.

The Ninth Presbyterian Church Literary Society is the literary feast of the season. The public is invited each Monday evening.

Prof. T. Q. Brown, music teacher, will hear something to his advantage if he will call at The Freeman office just as soon as possible.

Crowned the greatest singer of the race; ranks amongst the greatest singers of the world, Flora Batson, Allen Chapel, Monday evening.

Little Aurelia Caldwell was made happy by receiving a handsome piano, gift of her father, in honor of her eighth birthday, February 3rd.

Rev, R. T. Anderson, of Louisville, Ky., was in the city the past week, and assisted the Rev. Wm. Chambers, of Blackford street church in his rally.

The Knights of Pythias will present, through their brother, B. J. Thornton, $300 to the widow of Tony Williams at Zion church Sabbath evening.

W. N. Nichols, of Greencastle, Ind., was before the Baptist Ministerial Alliance, asking for ordination, the council appointed were, J. R. Raynor, chotechison; J. M. Morton, clerk; Rev. J. B. Anderson, president.

Rev. O. A. Williams, of the Ninth Presbyterian church, will preach to morrow at 11 a. m. from Dan. 3: 16-18. Subject: "Loyalty to Principle," At 7:30 p. m. from St. Luke 15: 2. Subject: "He Received Sinners."

Rev. Mr. Matthews, late of Philadelphia, is assisting Rev. Mr. Dupee, of Rushville, in his revival services. He will preach at Simpson Chapel, this city, the second Sunday in March, subject "The Brick."

Rev. E. W. S. Hammond, editor of the South Western Christian Recorder, occupied the pulpit at Simpson Chapel Sunday morning and evening, and preached the quarterly sermon at Vermont Street church 3: o'clock.

Flora Batson, the greatest colored singer in the world, will give the citizens of Indianapolis another opportunity of hearing her phenominal voice. Do not fail to attend Allen Chapel Monday evening, February 20th.

Methodist Minister's Alliance.

The Methodist ministers met Feb. 14 at their regular hour, at 214 Vermont street, with Rev. Jessie Bass presiding and Rev. O. A. Williams secretary. A paper was read by Rev. C. Taylor on "Sanctification," It was discussed by Revs Ferguson, Lewis, Burton and Turner. J. W. Harper, of Franklin, Indiana, was in attendanse at the minister's meeting.

Ministerial Alliance.

The Alliance met at the regular hour Feb. 13th. Rev. J. B. Anderson, of Russellville, Ky., presided; Rev. N. A. Seymour, Secretary.

REPORTS.

South Calvary Baptist—Sunday-school, attendance 45; collection $1.40. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. Wm. Nickols; preaching at 3 p. m. by Rev. B. Harris; preaching at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. J. B. Anderson, of Russellville, Ky.; collection $20.00.

Mt. Zion—Sunday-school at 9 a. m., attendance 63; collection 93 cents. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; collection $11.98.

New Bethel—Sunday-school, attendance 70; collection 97 cents. Covenant meeting at 11 a. m.; communion at 3 p. m.; preaching at 8 p. m. by pastor; collection $22.00. Next Sunday the ordination of Thomas Byrd as a gospel minister will take place at New Bethel church, Edinburg, Ind.

First Baptist—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; collection $5.27. Rev. E. D. Leonard.

Belmont Baptist--Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. J. R. Raynor.

Second Baptist--Sunday-school, attendance 100; collection $1.04. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. P. Boone; preaching at 7:30 p. m by Rev. P. Whiteside; collection $12.00.

Antioch Baptist -Sunday-school at 9 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m; covenant meeting at 3 p. m.; preaching at 7:30 p. m. by pastor; collection $19.10.

Rev. Nichols, of Greencastle, was in attendance at the meeting.

DR. ELBERT SPEAKS HIS MIND.

The Fraud Evangelist Must Go.

Mr. Editor:

I read your article on evangelists and most heartily endorse it. While I am a christian myself and have most profound respect for the ministry and am most solicitous for the advancement of Christ's kingdom, and am willing at all times, and upon all occasions, regardless of creeds or denominations, to help carry on the glorious work of evangelizing the world, I join you in denouncing that class of erratic, lecherous so called evangelists, who are doing so much to demoralize the church and hindering the cause and advancement of our race. I hope all good citizens, whether Christians or not, will rise up in their might and say away with the foul mouthed and blatant impostors. Yours for the good of the cause of Christianity.

SAMUEL A. ELBERT, M. D

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On account of President elect Cleveland's inauguration at Washington, the C. H. & D. R. R. will on Feb. 28th to March 3rd sell excursion tickets at a rate of $16.00 for the round trip from Indianapolis. Tickets will be good to return until March 8th, giving ample time to visit Washington and neighboring cities. The Cleveland and German American clubs, of Indianapolis, have selected the C. H. & D. and B. & O. R. Ry's. as the official lines for the occasion of their trip and extend a hearty welcome to all clubs and individuals to join them. Through train of coaches and sleeping cars will leave Indianapolis Thursday March 2nd, running through to Washington; those wishing sleeping car accomodations please secure same at once so that arrangements can be made to provide for all. Call on or address H. J. Rhein, Gen'l. Agt. C. H. & D. R. R. Indianapolis, Ind

Public School Attaches.

Decatur, Ill., Special.

No city in the state can boast of a better board of education than Decatur. There are nine school houses, and large sums are paid out annually for janitors. There are five colored janitors. Robert Earnest is janitor of the high school, which position he has held for a number of years. He is highly respected. Washington Rice is janitor of the Church Street school. He has held the position six years, and is a man of push. Alfred Earnest has been janitor of the Warren Street school for several years, and is popular. Gus Greer is not so old in the service, but is well liked by the board. He is also a musical director of the Monitor band. Wm. H Stigger, janitor of the Wood Street school, is prominent in secret societies, being a Sir Knight and Master Mason. Their combined salaries are $2,600 annually. Mollie S. Robinson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Robinson, died February 2d, aged 9 years. She was a bright child and the idol of her parents and friends. Walter Johnson, Chef de cuisine of the St. Nicholas, visited St. Louis last week. Samuel Robinson, head waiter at the St. Nicholas, slipped on the ice, breaking his leg and dislocating his ankle. Miss Margie Broner, of Kankakee, Ill., is very sick in this city. The letter in last week's issue of The Freeman written by Miss Laura White, met the hearty approval of her many friends and acquaintances in the city. She was born and reared in Decatur, and is a graduate from the high school of this city, and is now teaching school in Southern Illinois. Mr. Crabtree has gone on a business trip to Indianapolis and Chicago. It is rumored that W. J. Anderson, the Water street barber, will soon lead to the altar a leading society lady.

THE FREEMAN CONSPICUOUS.

Blaine Literary Society Makes it a Part of Its Programme.

Grenada, Miss., Special.

Our literary met last Friday night and was addressed by Elder J. G. Johnson. The programm for the next meeting will consist of essays, select reading, singing, and an interesting debate subject, "Resolved that emigration is not beneficial to colored people." Affirmative, J. Bostick, and North. Negative, M Hany and LaParchman. Court is in session and business is quiet. A Bible scenery was given at the different churches last week, under the management of Dr. J Brown, of Memphis, Tenn., which was interesting, and was well attended. Great credit is due Mr. E. E. Pettibone for his services as organizer and general promoter of race enterprises. He wrote and framed our constitution and by-laws. Elder J. W. Robinson, our former pastor, passed through the city yesterday enroute to his charge at Campbellsville, Miss. The conference of the M. E. Church, which convened at Corrinth last week, appointed Elder Moss for this place and Rev. Parks to Clarksdale. S. W. White, Presiding Elder, A. M. E. church, was in town this week. Elder J. W. Williams expects to move his family to Grenada. If you want a good meal or a comfortable bed, go to Mrs. Jane Trotter's colored hotel on Green street. Dr. C. O. H. Thoma's letter on Prof. Blyden, which was in The Freeman last week, will be read at our next meeting. As our folks are eager to learn of the Negro, and think The Freeman is the only colored newspaper that gives full and the desired information of the Negro race and if you will send us some copies we will establish an agency and do all we can to sell and introduce your paper throughout our community. Mrs. Laura Floyd will read an essay on the colored press association, and Miss Sarah Golden will sing a solo. The debate promises much interest with Mr. L. E. Bell and James Bostick, as the affirmative, and Harry LaParchman and T. B. Cobbs as the negative. All communications and newspapers sent to the literary will be properly handled.

M. H. LAPARCHMAN, Cor. Sec'y.

Received A Medal.

Austin, Tex., Special.

Rev. C. M. Madison preached an interesting sermon at the M. E. church last Sunday, we have services every other Sunday afternoon, every one invited. George Jamison, a student of Tillotson, was decided the best speaker of the eight in the contest and received the handsome medal. Philip Gray, an ex-student of Fisk University at Nashville, Tenn., is chief cook at Tillotson. The Kindergarten school is growing fast and has three teachers. Everyone in the city having children not old enough to go to school, should send them to this free school, children admitted from three to seven years old, and while you have a chance send your children, who will be greatly benefited. Too much credit cannot be given Mrs. M. F Philips for what she has done for this school. If one tenth of the ladies of Austin would take as much interest in the school as she has, we will have a splendid school for little folks all the time. Clay Aldridge, the well known head waiter of Texas, has gone to work in the legislature. Mrs. M. M. Givins has returned from Branham. Mr. Jacob Addison is reported dying this afternoon. News reached here that his son, Isaiah Addison, had a hemorrhage of the lungs in San Antonio. Wm. Gordon is baker at the Avenue Hotel Mr. J. A. Hickey, of Giddings, was in the city. The King's Daughters gave an entertainment Friday night. R. J. Hamilton left Saturday for Wharton, to teach school. Jacob Gibson was buried last Tuesday from the Third Baptist church.

Mardi Gras Rates.

The C. H. & D. R. R Co, will sell excursion tickets from Toledo, Hamilton, Indianapolis and intermediate points to the Mardi Gras celebrations at Mobile and New Orleans at greatly reduced rates. Tickets will be on sale February 6th to 12th inclusive. Secure your tickets via the C. H & D. the direct rout from the North to the South.

HORRIBLE INFANTICIDE.

Clothed in The Livery of Heaven a Knave Brings a Young Girl to Ruin and Perhaps the Gallows.

Blocton, Ala., Special.

One of the most atrocious crimes of infanticide was brought to light in Blocton, Ala., Wednesday evening, February 8th, about 3 o'clock p. m, Mrs. Estella Wilson and Mrs. Rebecca Welch went out for a walk and they decided to walk around the colored graveyard, and when they had gone through the colored grave yard, they decided to go through the Italian grave yard, which was about one hundred yards away. When there Mrs. Welch discovered an infant's foot, and with a stick began to make a close examination and found it to be a new born male child, which appeared to have been choked and smothered to death. It was wrapped in a common corn sack, the news soon spread and hundreds of people visited the scene. The coroner and doctors made an examination and found it to be the child of a colored woman, and suspicion rested on Fannie Neely, a sister-in-law of Rev. H. H. Goude. His wife died about two years ago, and over a year ago Fannie came to keep house for him. It has recently been whispered that she was about to become a mother. On account of Rev. Goude's relation to the church, the officer's began an investigation. He acknowledged that he had ruined his sister-in-law and said he would marry her, but was not quite ready. Matters went on, and about the 4th of February, she gave birth to this child. No doctor or midwife was called in, and it is supposed she attended herself, then murdered the child and carried it over three hundred yards away and burried it in the grave yard, but no doubt it was unearthed by hogs and the discovery followed. She was arrested and the preliminary hearing was set for Thursday February 9th. Goude was summoned for a witness, as the crime was committed in his house. It was there they searched and found everything sufficient to convict Fannie, the doctor's examined her and found she had given birth to a child. When court was called for preliminary hearing, while they were examining witnesses, Goude disappeared and has not been seen since. Fanny was committed to jail at Centreville without bail, to await the action of the grand jury, and still claims she has never given birth to a child,

C. S. SMITH.

Colorado, Springs, Col.

G. W. Lewis, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, G Jones of Omaha, Nebraska, and J. H. Sanron, of Sioux City, Iowa, made a trip to Denver, Colorado, they are now back intending to spend several days here among friends.

Springfield, Mass.

The members of the Young Ladies' Silver Bells Donizetta club met at the residence of Mrs. M. R. Adams, Friday evening, January 27th. The following program was rendered: Opening of club by chapter; reading by Miss Julia Price; piano solo, Miss Florence Lewis; reading, Miss Mary Hughes; singing, Miss Rebecca Adams; club quotations; reading, Miss L. Wickham; piano solo, Miss Rebecca Adams; singing, Miss Florence Lewis; recitation, Miss R. Adams; speech by president, Miss L. Wickham. Charades, tableaux, cards and games finished the evening A sleigh ride was given by the Young Men's Literary club February 8th. St. John's church gave a social for their pastor, Rev. F. R. McLean, who has been with them one year, Friday evening, February 10th. Sixty or seventy were present.

Wedding Bells.

West Huntsville, Ala., Special.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pleasants, Robert Liftrige and Miss Mattie Robinson were married, Rev. Duncan officiating. Only relatives and near friends witnessed the ceremony. The bride wore plain white silk, tulle and diamonds. Mrs. Gertie Pleasants was the only maid of honor. The bride received a few useful presents. Miss Ida H. Carter has returned home from her school at Hartsville. Rev. F. L. Duncan preached an excellent sermon at the A. M. E. church Sunday. Mrs. A. Douglass' little girl has been confined to her bed with the sore throat. Chas. Binsord is very sick.

Don't Borrow Your Neighbor's.

Americus, Ga., Special.

The Freeman will not fail to come to you if you pay for it. There are more colored people reading The Freeman than any Negro paper that has ever been in the city. Still, we find some who will send two blocks to borrow a neighbor's paper rather than subscribe for it themselves. Now don't you think you are imposing upon good nature? How strange it is some will speak against this great paper and will run half a mile to a neighbor's to read it. At the residence of Miss Carry L. Warren, a club of faithful workers, composed of young men, were organized. Those present were J. H. Hopkins, W. G. Garman, T. H. Hopkins. C. H. Hughes, O. R. Harris, J. W. Williams, B. W. Warren, Jr., R. C. Carter. Miss Warren furnished the music for the guests. Miss Warren was elected president; R. Carter, vice-president; J. H. Hopkins. secretary; W. G. Gorman, treasurer. The club will give an entertainment Tuesday night for the benefit of the First Baptist church. S, Perry & Son are doing a good business, they are worth about $8,000. W. C. Acres is able to be out again. Miss E. M. Neal, Miss E. R. Thompson, Miss L. B. Cooke and Miss M, E. Newson, are taking steps to organize a standing literary society.

MORE ENTERPRISE WANTED.

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Cleveland, O., Special.

It has often occurred to us that there is a lack of enterprise among Afro-Americans in our city that is scarcely excusable. Of course, it is an easy thing to find fault with others; but it is not our purpose to mention faults in the spirit of mere criticism, but in the kindliest spirit and with the hope that, those of us who believe in progress may be led to do something. It is well known that there is much talent among us and that a beginning is all that is required, an opportunity to exercise and display the powers which have hitherto been hidden in the obscurity of selfishness or undue modesty. As human beings, accountable to God for every deed of omission as well as commission. We should endeavor to use all our powers to the best advantage. As members of society we are morally bound to contribute to the general good, all that we may be able to accomplish. When one accomplishes or achieves something, he benefits not only himself but the community in which he lives, and indirectly contributes to the good of society at large. Every one is not expected to concieve of plans for the origin of a great enterprise, or to take steps in the direction indicated; but there are men in this community who have enough brains and money (or if they have not the latter article, could secure financial backing,) sufficient to inaugurate and support enterprises which would reflect everlasting credit on the good people of our beautiful city and also insure to the benefit and profit of those individually connected with their management,

We often hear the complaint made that there is a lack of unity and good feeling and common interest among us, all of which should characterize those who would succeed. It is our conviction, and we are pleased to note it, that there is a growing sentiment in favor of combining all our strength against the common enemy. There is not a city in the country we venture to say, which has such talent and brain power and general business capacity among the Afro-American element, in which there is such apathy and lack of enterprise as has been manifested here. We believe it cannot much longer be endured. There must be an awakening among us We do not say there is no enterprise here, but that there is not as much as there should be, when viewed in comparison with our capacity. This must be confessed. We will close this article with the remark, which may fall pleasantly upon eager ears among us, that we are in the possession of information which justifies us in saying, there will soon be started two enterprises, controlled by Afro-Americans among us, which promises to become great forces in this city and State. May all our people rally to these when they come in a manner that will insure success.

The Valentine Social at Mt. Zion church, on Tuesday evening last, was a very pleasant one. Everyone enjoyed himself. Miss McLissa Nickens, who has been seriously ill, is reported better. Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson lost their infant child last Saturday. Miss Zinka Robinson, of Oberlin, is the guest of Miss Alida Roberts. A very successful entertainment was given at St. Andrew's Episcopal church on the 13th inst. The brotherhood of Phillip and Andrew had a very interesting meeting last Wednesday evening. Mrs. Jesse Roberts is visiting friends in Cincinnati. The young men who propose organizing a literary society, will meet Monday evening next, in room No. 22, Y. M. C. A. building Little Lizzie Berry died at her home No 8 Pine street, last Sabbath morning, She was a member of Mt. Zion Sabbath school and loved by all who knew her. Funeral services were held at the home of the deceased, Monday afternoon. There will be an entertainment at Excelsior hall on the 2nd inst, under the auspices of the K of P. Papers on sale at W. O. Bowles' grocery 658 Central avenue, and Fred. Valentines, 366 Central avenue. Address all communications to

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Wheatly, Ark.

Rev. Samuel A. Bourne went to Forrest City to see his mother, who has been ill for quite a while. Rev. C. H. Lewis, of Forrest City, is doing well. He is a young man of dauntless courage. The members of the A. M. E. church are well suited with Brother Lewis. Rev. A. Spencer has been moved from Hayne's church to Jonesborough. He is going to the front Prof. W. M. Ewing, of Forrest City, is one of the foremost speakers of his race. Rev. Oliver, of Brinkley, had a grand revival, with seventeen converts. Rev. Sam A. Borum spent a few days in Brinkley last week. Mrs. McDaniel has moved to her new residence. Willis Nunn has made improvements on his house. Rev. Charley Harris went to Brinkley to attend the funeral of his cousin. Willis Goodwin has returned from school on account of illness.

BRILLIANT ENTERTAINMENTS.

New Organizations For Mutual Improvement—Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

The entertainment given by the Congregational church, Friday evening, proved to be one of the most successful from an artistic and financial standpoint that Louisville has seen for many years. The participants who were selected by Rev. E. G. Harris, the pastor, represented the best in their several lines and reflected credit upon their race. Miss Nellie Lee Frye and her Music pupils will give an entertainment Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, at the Odd Fellow's Hall, for the benefit of the Colored Orphans' Home Miss Frye always meets with success and the indications point to a crowded house. The Phantasma Club gave an entertainment Monday night for the Old Folks' Home and drew a large crowd. They gave a Charity Ball and all enjoyed themselves highly. James Brown, the president, is one of our most enterprising young men. Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church gave an entertainment at the church Monday night. Lucian Williams, a prominent Mason, Odd Fellow and Pythian, died Sunday night. He was also a member of the 12th St. A. M. E. church, and a good man. The teachers of the city have organized a University Extension Center and have secured Dr. Boone, of Indiana University, to deliver the course of lectures in Pedagogy. It is an assured success The Saturday Evening club, an organization of Young men for the discussion of literary, educational and economic questions, is a unique and successful effort. The Entre Nons club, organized by some of our young ladies and gentlemen for improvement in literature and a more intimate acquaintance with the gems of English letters, is succeeding nicely. The churches, schools and literary circles, having recovered from the inactivity produced by the severe weather, are beginning to move forward in their different lines, and Louisville now affords to the visitor a choice rarity of amusement, enjoyment, instruction and worship. The night schools close in March. The Y. M. C. A. is gradually and effectively laying the foundation for a successful future, we hope Of the business interests we will write more fully in some future issue of your excellent journal.

THE SICK AND THE DEAD.

A Church Will Build a New House of Worship.

Paducah, Ky. Special.

Much sickness is in the city. Wesley Pryor, of Metropolis City, Ills., is visiting his daughter in this city. Mrs Henry M Green, of 104 N Second street, and Louis Wood's family of 1344 S. Tenth street, who have been sick, are better Mrs Lettie Drewry, whose residence is 715 S Sixth street is sick. Mr Robert Oakley of Savannah, Ga., is stopping with Mrs Mollie Collins at 430 S. Seventh street; Mr. William Wing is stopping at the same place. Little Charlie Beech, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beech, of Jersey vicinity, is very sick. Rev. Thomas Taylor, pastor of the Seventh Street Baptist church, is very sick and not expected to recover. Mr. Wash Johns, whose sickness was mentioned in last weeks news, died on the 7th. He leaves a wife and two children. Mr. John Martin, of 837 N. Seventh street, died on the 11th. He leaves a family. Miss Nannie Gardner is now ready to receive those who desire to take lessons in instrumental music. She will give lessons at twenty cents for a few months. Those who wish to accept may call at 1048 W Washington street city. Rev J. P. Jones wishes to say to the public that he will preach at his church (a Free Will church situated on S. Third street, formerly the church of the C. M, E Methodist) on the second and fourth Sundays in each month. The congregation wants to build a new house to worship in. There will also be Sabbath school at 9 o'clock a. m. every Sunday. Rev. Jones is a constant taker of the Freeman, and advises all who want the best colored paper to inquire for a copy of the Freeman. Leave news at 1331 S Tenth street, city.

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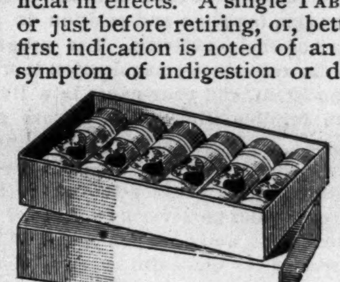

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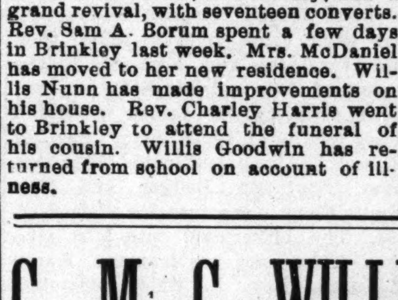

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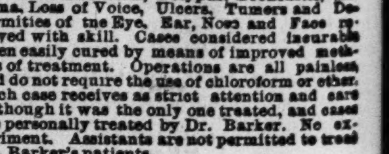

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